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“Building Fund” Plans Moving Forward...

For about 15 years Alumni of and equipment, computer hard-PNC and NSTC contributed to a ware and software, environmen-fund known, through most of tal control and much more. A that time, as the “Building building would involve expenses Fund”. The hope was to estab- like insurance (property, con-lish a permanent space that tents and liability), heat, lights, would allow for the storage and internet, phone, property tax display of various artifacts relat- and mortgage payments (if the ed to over 142 years of history of building were owned, rent (if the College. It was also intended that if such a building could ever building). Staff expenses would be realized, it would also contain include salaries, benefits, and so an office for the Alumni Associa- on. tion.

As time went on, it became consumed long before anything close more and more evident that this to a museum could be realized. goal wasn't one that could be at- When this fact came to light, tained. After 15 years of suc- the Alumni Association Executive cessful fund raising and dona- started to work on alternative tions, approximately \$54,000 has ideas and solutions. The goal been collected. While that was still to provide some way to amount seems significant (and it display items and artifacts, be- is in many ways) it's not nearly cause we wanted to honour the enough to move forward with any spirit in which money had been form of physical building or mu- donated, but do it in a way that seum. was cost effective and accessible

Aside from content (artifacts, to a wide audience. etc.) what does it take to create To make the situation more a traditional museum? A build- complicated, the money that had ing—or space in a building, staff been donated and collected over with specialized knowledge (i.e., the years had been administered by the Little White School House Association. That arrangement appropriate storage (hanging, vertical, was logical at the time it was set and horizontal file cabinets), up, but over time it became display cabinets, shelves, tables, problematic as tax laws and regu- chairs, desks, office furniture

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- Reunion 2013 will be held August 16-18, 2013 in Truro. Plan to attend!
- We are online! See inside.
- Nominations sought for Secretary, Treasurer and several Area Reps. See page 27.



Prof. Tassel appears courtesy of Neil Fisher

The following article was provided by the author and is reprinted at his request as a tribute to his late teacher, Sylvia Ross, who died February 17, 2013. Ed.

Enunciating Clearly; a Speech Problem

by Murray Baillie

While a Junior High student at Tatamagouche Rural High School in Nova Scotia, later renamed North Colchester High School, in the early fifties, my fellow students on the school bus sometimes ridiculed me when I spoke. I was hurt by this but did not really understand what might be behind it. I concluded that there must be a problem but I was not sure what it was. Once when in a conversation with my mother, my father got impatient and angry and said, "I don't understand what he is saying."

The Kiwanis Club of Truro sponsored a public speaking contest in the high schools of Colchester County every fall during the 1950s. Students in each grade were given the opportunity to enter. First, the contestants spoke before a panel of teachers. The best were picked out and spoke at an evening event in the school. There were judges there who picked out a winner in Junior and Senior High to go to Truro and speak as a finalist with other winners from throughout the County.

For some reason, it was important to me to enter. In Grades 7 and 8, I was not given the chance to speak in the semi-finals. I was disappointed but did not know why.

In Grade 9, I entered again. In fact, my mother suggested that there was not much point in my doing that. Was she thinking of my speech? I ignored her and tried anyway.

One day, the principal of the School, Gordon P. Hayes, called me into his office. He asked me if I were aware that I had a speech impediment. I said that I was. This was the moment of truth for me; it was simply instant insight, intuition, something that does not often occur. It was the first time that I faced the fact of my disability; I was now one hundred per cent sure that I did have this problem. Mr. Hayes asked if my parents had done anything to get help for me. I said, "No." To be fair, I doubt very much if there were any easily accessible speech therapist for rural residents.

Mr. Hayes told me that the staff had met and felt that they could not keep me out of the semi-finals for the third year. He arranged to have Mrs. Sylvia Ross, a

Junior High teacher assist me. She was not one of my Grade 9 teachers but he apparently felt that she would have a greater rapport with me because she had taught me in both Grade 7 and 8.

I was given support from her and Jean McDonald, the Commercial teacher. They told me that both Winston Churchill and King George VI had speech impediments.

Teacher Fred Campbell spoke of my persistence and the fact that I had not given up. As a result of a conversation with Mrs. Ross in 2008, I sensed that Mr. Campbell had more influence on developments than I had believed at the time.

I can only recall one technique that Mrs. Ross used. She showed me where to put my tongue to make the "th" sound. She demonstrated it and had me practice. Her compassionate help was all that was required. She had no training in speech therapy but her caring made up for it.

I continued to take part in the Kiwanis public speaking contests and was allowed to compete in the semi-finals on the evening in the fall when students made their speeches in the auditorium.

As well, I participated in the formal debates between different grades which took place at an afternoon assembly in front of the whole student body. There were three students representing each grade.

It was in the fall of 1957 when I was in Grade 11 that I won in the semi-finals held for senior and junior high students; we gave our speeches in the auditorium of the High School. I became a senior high finalist at the Kiwanis Club finals in Truro. The principal of the school at that time, Herbert F. Mills, picked me up in Tatamagouche Mountain where I lived. The other finalist and Mrs. Ross were with him and, possibly, another teacher.

The evening began with the regular weekly banquet of the Kiwanis Club. I was so tense that I sat down by myself with strangers. Mr. Mills noticed that and spoke to one of the members whom he knew, Ray Donaldson. Mr. Donaldson introduced himself to each member one by one at the tables in my row until he reached me. He had asked each of them to move one seat so that I could sit with others from my school. Both Mr. Mills and Mr. Donaldson are now dead but I remember them with gratitude for how they helped me in this uncomfortable situation.

The guest speaker was Rev. Stanley McQueen, the new minister of First United Church in Truro. He told of one speaker at an event who sat on a table in a relaxed manner and gave his speech. This was to be an example of how not to give a speech but even in 1957, I was easy going enough not to agree with that

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President's Message and Letter from the Editor

As the title suggests, this is going to be both a President's Message and Letter from the Editor.

As you know, I came to the position of President of the Alumni Association last August. My CV is not as public or as impressive as my predecessor, so I thought I'd tell you a bit about myself.

I graduated from NSTC in 1985 and later finished my B.Ed. and M.Ed. at Mount Saint Vincent University. While at TC, I was the Vice-President of the Student Union and I've held executive positions in a variety of organizations at both the local and provincial level. I'm currently the Technical Director at Bedford Players Community Theatre and the Treasurer and Registrar for the Halifax Sci-Tech Expo (regional science fair). I was an officer in the Canadian Forces (Reserves) and worked with the Canadian Cadet Organization for over 25 years.

My teaching career has brought me to an independent school in Halifax where I taught math, science and computer studies; the Halifax Adult High School where I taught a wide range of high school subjects to an even wider range of students; Bedford Junior High where I taught grade 7 science, English and Healthy Living for 6 years and now I've just completed three years working out of the Halifax Regional School Board central office in a Technology Integration Leader position. In this job, I help teachers to use technology effectively in their daily practice.

This is both a wonderful and exciting time to be a teacher and a terrible and frustrating time to be in this profession. It's wonderful and exciting because technology is changing the possibilities for our teachers, students and classrooms very quickly. We are finally seeing changes in our classrooms that begin to reflect changes in the real world, though we are still many years behind what students see and use in the 18 or 19 hours a day they aren't in a classroom. It's a terrible and frustrating time, because with current fiscal restraints in all areas, including education, teachers and others in our schools, are being asked to do more and more to the point that many feel they are doing more non-teaching work than work related directly to their students. Of course, in addition to the increased pressure and duties assigned to teachers, there is also the issue of increasing class size in many areas.

Although things are not all wonderful and rosy in the field of teaching, I am happy to say that I encounter wonderful, excited and dedicated teachers daily in my job. I visit many schools and work with many teachers, the vast majority of whom are committed to providing the best possible education to the students in their classes.

As I reflect on my first months in the position of Alumni Association President, I can see that we are also on the edge of change in the Alumni Association. No doubt you've already noticed the front page article on the topic of the "Building Fund" (a term which I hope to lay to rest shortly) and the plans with which we are about to move forward.

As well, we need to examine the Annual Reunion format and location. A couple of years ago we switched the Friday and Saturday night



Reunion 2012 Awards

Oldest Graduate

Those in attendance from Class of '42

Furthest Traveled

Eleanor Giesbrecht '87, Diane Harris '87, Lisa Mason '87

Class Attendance Award

Class of '87 (12 members)

Attendance Summary "Honoured Years"

Class of '92-0

Class of '82-2

Class of '72-1

Class of '62-5

Class of '52-7

Class of '42-5

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Three NSTC Graduates Vie for NSTU President Election in May 2012



Eric Boutilier



Damian Hall



Shelley Morse

Eric Boutilier (NSTC Class of 1983), Damian Hall (1987) and Shelley Morse (1981) were all candidates for the position of NSTU President last May. Eric Boutilier had been NSTU First Vice-President and was guidance Counsellor at Bible Hill Junior High. Damian Hall, has been part of the Pictou Campus NSCC faculty since 1988 and had been on the NSTU Provincial Executive and numerous committees. Shelley Morse had held many positions at local, regional and provincial levels. As many of you know, Shelley was the successful candidate and replaced Alexis Allen as the NSTU President. Shelley is also Vice-President of the Alumni Association of the Nova Scotia Teachers College!☞

***Pit Pony* Author, Joyce Barkhouse Dies**



Photo credit: Lighthouse Media Group, Bridgewater and Keith Corcoran, Lunenburg County Progress Bulletin

Joyce (Killam) Barkhouse passed away, in Bridgewater, on February 2, 2012.

Barkhouse was born in Woodville, Kings County in 1913. She was the last remaining member of her immediate family and is survived by a son and daughter as well as many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Barkhouse attended Kings County Academy and then Provincial Normal College, graduating in ~1931, after which she worked as an elementary teacher in numerous places throughout the Maritimes and Mon-

treal. At one point, early in her career, she taught all subjects to grades 1 to 11 in a one-room school.

During her teaching years she started writing for children. She had several books published including *Pit Pony*, which was made into a movie and TV series and a picture book, *Anna's Pet* which she co-authored with niece, Canadian author Margaret Atwood.

Barkhouse was active with many writers organizations including the Writer's Federation of Nova Scotia, The Writer's Union of Canada and the Canadian Society of children's Authors, Illustrators and Performers.

As a result of her contributions to children's literature and the Canadian literary community—especially young writers—Barkhouse received the Order of Nova Scotia in 2007 and the Order of Canada in 2009.☞

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Guest Speaker, 42nd Annual Reunion Kate Braedley

Kate Braedley provided her address so that we could print highlights from that evening, however we feel that given the magnitude of her experience, her entire speech deserves to be re-printed here for you. Ed.

Good evening! I guess you could say I'm a person who tends to seek out challenges. I earned a double honours degree in Math and Physics; I've hiked Yellow Mountain in Hunan province in China; I've taken groups of fifty or so teenagers on countless field trips; I've experienced sea-sickness, climbed to the top of a tall ship's mast, and hauled on lines until my hands were callused; I've witnessed the inequalities of the world and continue to try to diminish them; I've had to leave a sinking ship and then try a fresh start on land. But, my biggest challenge by far has been choosing to enter the teaching profession. Teaching is not an easy job.

And so, I'm honoured to have been chosen to speak to such a wonderful group of people who have spent their lives teaching students how to read, write, add, subtract, sing, run, and ultimately how to make good choices and be good people. You do not get thanked enough, so let me start my speech off by offering my thanks. So many people my age tell me about influential teachers that have helped to shape their lives, and when I suggest that they send those teachers a letter of thanks, it's clear that the thought had never crossed their mind. So, thank you; for everything you have done and for everything you will continue to do.

As mentioned in my introduction, my name is Kate Braedley, and I did grow up here in Truro. I sang in the girls' choir, played in the band program, walked through Victoria Park, shopped at Margolians, and even went trick-or-treating through the Teacher's College dorm. This relatively small town has helped shape the person I've become. As I grew up here, I was taught at an early age to stay committed to excellence while maintaining a sense of humility. I've been fortunate enough to experience a sense of community in Truro, and I've come to learn its importance. And, most importantly, I've learned to keep an open mind and to always strive to learn more.



These lessons were, for the most part, taught to me by people like you - my teachers, and when I remind myself of these lessons, I find myself succeeding.

After graduating from CEC, I attended Mt Allison for my undergrad, and Acadia for my Education degree. It was at these places where I learned about the joys of teaching, as well as the difficulties. I learned what it meant to teach, and that, more often than not, it's not about the subject material but much more about being a role model. Acadia has a great opportunity to travel overseas for some of your practicum

time. I was fortunate to be able to travel to Shanghai, China to teach English to elementary school children. Through this experience, I came to realize that people will pay you to travel the world, and that I should take advantage of any opportunities that might be presented!

During my summers at Acadia, I worked for an ESL camp held at the AC for teenagers from all over the world to come and learn English. My boss at the camp told me all about a school called Class Afloat where I could teach while sailing around the world, and he suggested that I apply. Thankfully, I didn't think this sounded crazy, and before I had graduated from Acadia, I was one of the lucky few who had a full-time teaching position.

Class Afloat is a program that allows students to earn high school and first-year university credits while learning to sail a tall ship around the world. Students are the crew of the ship, so in addition to attending class and completing homework, they also work on deck hauling lines, helming the ship, and preparing food in the galley. It is not easy, but, like most things that are difficult, it is so rewarding and worth it. Students learn real lessons about responsibility, accountability, and hard work.

A typical day at sea starts with breakfast at 7:30 am. This means that the galley crew wakes at 6:30 to have everything prepared. Colours starts sharply at 8 am, which is a chance for everyone to be on deck together to give morning announcements and know what to expect for the day's weather. The ship is

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cleaned for the next hour, and at 9 o'clock the day's class and deck-watch schedule begins. On average, students spend 2 hours each day on deck and 4 hours in class. Lunch occurs in two shifts, as well as supper, and once the dishes are cleared away, social and study time occurs.

There are roughly 50 students on board, and they are split into 6 different groups, called watches. These groups are like little families on board, and they work together on many things. The most time they spend together is during night watch, from 8 PM until 8 AM. Each watch is assigned to 2 hours each night, which rotate throughout the semester, and every night they wake up to go on deck and stand watch. These students are incredible as they somehow manage to perform all of their ship duties while attending classes AND traveling the world, usually for the first time away from their parents.

Sea life was fairly routine. I knew going on in my first year that I would have ups and downs - that the good days would be amazing and the bad days would be awful, but what I didn't realize was how each of those extremes would end up contributing to an overall sense of huge satisfaction and accomplishment. Looking back now, a day with a swim call (where we would stop the boat in the middle of the calm ocean and jump off to go swimming), banana pancakes for breakfast, an awesome discussion with a student on the bow, and a gorgeous sunset ended up giving me the same feelings of gratitude as a day where I was laying in my bunk just wishing the seasickness away after having stared at a bowl of soggy oatmeal for breakfast, not able to get dry from the thunder storms outside. Both days, the unbelievably great and the painfully bad, brought me together with the rest of my crew and helped me feel like I was experiencing something worth experiencing.

Life in port was much different from life at sea. It generally works out to roughly 5 days at sea and 5 days in port, with a little more time at sea. About half the time in port is "shore leave", or free time, and the other half is for organized activities called port programs. These activities were considered extensions of class time, and we were able to see some incredible things. We visited Juno beach in France and the mosques that were once churches in Istanbul. Lessons of fitness were taught by white water rafting in Costa Rica and hiking through the mountains of Cape Verde off the coast of Senegal. We experienced Carnival in Brazil and rode camels with Berbers who entertained us by sunset and firelight in the Saharan

Desert. We learned about the slave trade by traveling it from Dakar, Senegal across to Trinidad and Tobago. We swam in crystal blue waters off the coasts of deserted Caribbean islands and threw on our toques when we visited an ancient Norwegian tall ship that had traveled to the arctic. Through all of these experiences, our aim was to teach students about how connected the earth really is. All of our decisions affect another person, and quite often that person is someone who lives in a different country from you - someone you will never meet. Our goal was to impress upon the students that when they make decisions, they should always strive to make good choices. This was a mantra for students, something simple they could think of when faced with a tough situation, or even when deciding where to put their garbage. Our goal was to teach the students to think of others first.

I mentioned briefly at the beginning of this talk that I survived a sinking ship. I'm sure that most of you are aware that Concordia was a ship that sunk off the coast of Brazil in February of 2010. I was on board this ship when it sank, and I'd like to tell you my story from that experience.

It was my first year of teaching. We had had a wonderful first semester and were just getting into the swing of second semester, having had a few days to adjust while on land, and we were preparing to sail from Brazil to Uruguay. Most of the students on board had been with the ship first semester and were fired up to be back on board, though there were a few who had just joined in the second semester. It was normal weather and pleasant sailing. We were all thinking how lucky we were to be experiencing the adventure and were excited to get the semester started off right. Clubs had been started, the safety drills had been covered, and students were preparing for the first of their quizzes. All in all, it was a regular Class Afloat semester by all accounts.

February 17, 2010 was also quite normal for a day at sea. I had been on deck for Colours, and had a great day of classes. A student in my Calculus class was celebrating his birthday, and we followed tradition on board by soaking him with water while singing happy birthday to him. We had a lunch of pasta salad and peanut butter sandwiches, and afterwards I returned below to my cabin to take a quick catnap.

After waking up at approximately 2:15pm, I settled on the floor of my cabin to start some prep work. The boat was at quite a heel that day, which means that while we were sailing, the ship was at an angle. I chose the floor for my work-space as I generally do on days when the ship was sailing like this. Within a mi-

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nute or two of working, I felt the ship lean hard to port (left) and then right itself. Then, the boat leaned again and it just kept going until the wall became the floor. We later found out that a strong gust of vertical wind had pinned us down and we had started taking on water. I honestly thought it would come back upright until the lights went out, things started to fall on me from my bunk, and I could hear people's concern out in the companion-way (which is a hallway on a ship). That's when I knew it was time to get out of my room.

My cabin was on the starboard side (or the right side for land-lubbers), so my door became the floor and it was covered with textbooks and clothes from all over the cabin. I slipped my shoes on and found my safety harness because I heard people yelling to wear their harnesses outside. I cleared my door so I could open it a crack and yell down to someone for help. Luckily, a colleague was coming through the hallway at that time and thankfully pushed my door up with his shoulders while I managed to slip out. I looked down the companionway, contemplating heading down to help students in their cabins, but as I looked back at two other teachers, it was clear that I had to get out immediately.

I walked on the wall of the passageway up to the mess (dining room) and climbed up on the wooden railings of the stairs. When I looked behind me at the port side, I saw plates floating in a lot of water. Then I looked up at the starboard side door where two sets of hands were already pulling me up and through the door. Two students were stationed at the opening to help people get out of the body of the ship and onto the hull. It wasn't until I got outside and saw half of the hull and the sails in the water that I understood what had happened and that we were in a very serious situation. Through the hard rain, I saw that most of the kids toward the stern (back of the ship) had survival suits on and more were being passed back.

We could only reach half of the survival suits because they were stored on both sides of the ship, and one side was completely under water. As the survival suits ran out, a number of people opened the life vest compartments and they spilled into the water. They were gathered, then passed down to those of us standing on the sides of the ship. As this happened, life rafts were being deployed at the stern. At this point we were told to head aft (toward the stern), so we made our way back and I was reminded by a sailor to talk to people and keep them calm. In order to check that everyone had made it out, watch counts

and roommate check-ins were being done along the ship.

A student, Samantha, and I were standing on the outside wall of the classroom, waiting to be told to get into the life rafts, when she asked me if the boat was really going to sink or if we had some time. I told her to remember what the captains always tell us, when we have an abandon ship call we're always told that it takes a long time to sink a ship and that we have some time to organize ourselves. Looking back, I should have realized this is only for when a ship sinks while in an upright position and that we were experiencing an exceptional circumstance. From the time the ship was knocked down to when it was fully submerged was only about 15 minutes.

I jumped into the water towards a life raft and a student pulled me up while a sailor instantly began instructing us on how to prepare the boat. Students began bailing water out of the raft and the captain asked me to locate the sea anchors and the seasickness pills. While I did that, more people kept coming into the raft and the captain worked to get the raft detached from the ship. We did a head count and then went through the names of all 64 people on board, checking to see that at least one person had seen them out of the ship. It was a relief to hear that each person had been spotted, though we wouldn't be sure that everyone was safe until we were rescued.

Eventually, we became free of the ship and I saw that we had the EPIRB, which is a satellite-signaling device to let rescue centers know that we were in trouble. People took turns holding it so that it was upright and still blinking. These people did not sleep at all while holding it, they just stared at it like it contained all of the knowledge of life - it was among the most precious things on board as it was our best bet of letting search and rescue know that we needed to be rescued.

We managed to tie three rafts together - two rafts meant to fit 20 people and one meant to fit 8. The fourth raft, for 20 people, drifted farther away from us so that they managed to stay approximately on the horizon from our viewpoint. Students were nervous so another teacher and I started singing songs to calm everyone down. Our liferaft was a large inflated boat made of two tube pontoons in the shape of rings, with a water resistant cover as a roof. Because of the logistics of moving around a life raft, we decided to have only a few people keep watch from the vantage point of a small porthole in the roof. This ended up being myself and another teacher for most of the time we were at sea. It was nice to be on watch be-

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cause it gave you some air, some relief from the heat and smell inside, and it gave your mind something to do.

We went through some squalls and eventually we all managed to get a few hours of sleep throughout the first night. As light approached, we woke and continued our schedule of drinking 10mL of water every hour, standing watch, and keeping spirits up. We could see jumping fish and lots of birds on watch, so this made me hopeful that we were close to land. After transferring people out of the 8-man raft, it was used as a bathroom for the girls because many were having difficulty peeing over the side. A bucket was set up amid the life vests and the ladies had some privacy under the roof.

During the day on Thursday, the bottom pontoon in the other 20 man raft popped, so we transferred people back to the 8-man raft and we also transferred our medical officer to our raft because he had been injured while escaping the ship. At this time, we had 20 people sitting around the rim of the raft and the medical officer was lying lengthwise inside the raft with waterproof bags on either side of him and underneath his head. Some of us had to remind everyone once in a while to sit up inside the raft and not to lean on anyone as it takes up more room.

By sunset on Thursday, our morale was low, as we wondered why it was taking so long for our signal to be detected and were now dealing with either cramped quarters or a damaged raft. The captain got me fired up simply by saying, "Tonight, everyone! Tonight is the night we see a plane." It was the kind of positive thinking I needed. Luckily, I was on the next watch and a while after the sun dipped below the horizon, we saw the lights of an aircraft. I have never heard a more hopeful sound in all my life. When I spotted it, I yelled to the captain that I saw lights in the air approaching from the Northwest and the other rafts yelled too. We set off flares and saw a flare from the raft that had drifted away from us. The plane circled around us a few times and then flew back in the direction it came from. We enjoyed an extra sip of water, as well as the first bit of food in 30 hours. Now it was a waiting game.

Being on watch was very intense now, as every star looked like a possible ship on the horizon. It wasn't until about midnight when a student from the other 20 man raft yelled over to me to ask my opinion about two bright lights she saw on the horizon. We asked the captain to look and he confirmed that what we saw was a ship. We set off flares to show our posi-

tion and it took about another 2 hours to come alongside a huge container ship to begin the rescue attempt. The ship's name was Hokuetsu Delight, and the crew were Filipino sailors.

Being rescued was the second most terrifying experience of the whole event, the ship sinking being the first. The sailors on this huge container ship were trying everything, they had a rope ladder down from the deck, the gangway (a metal staircase) set up, and a net thrown over the side, but ultimately the swells were too large and we were exhausted trying to hold on to the lines. We got two students up, but we felt it was too dangerous to stay there and we dropped the lines. The Captain of Hokuetsu Delight steered the ship to stay with us until sunrise when we tried again. I think the swells were smaller at this point, but mainly we had grit in our teeth and were not going to spend another minute in those life rafts.

Students got their life vests on and we arranged ourselves to be in a good position to be rescued. When it was my turn, I climbed to where the rope ladder was stationed. We had to time it just right, so that when we hit the top of the swell, I had to grab the rope and hold on. I climbed up to the crew of the ship waiting to pull me to safety and relief washed over me.

The raft that had floated away from us were rescued by a second cargo ship, the Crystal Pioneer. The crews of each ship were incredible people. They immediately fed us and did not stop feeding us until we got off their ship. They let us have showers and gave us THEIR clothes and blankets. They provided spare beds for us to sleep and allowed us to relax in their mess. They were simply incredible and we owe them everything. On Friday morning, after spending approximately 40 hours lost at sea, all 64 of us were safe.

Around 1:00 pm Saturday, we saw land, the iconic hands of the statue of Jesus on the mountain in Rio de Janeiro welcoming us to Brazil. Finally we reached the harbour and were welcomed to dry land. Canadian representatives from the consulate welcomed us and began the process of preparing our paperwork to return to Canada.

We stayed in a fancy hotel and were treated like kings and queens. After a restful sleep, it was finally time to board a plane and head home. When I finally arrived in Halifax, the airport staff arranged for us to meet our friends and families away from the normal arrivals gate to avoid the media, something I continued to do while our story was in the news.

I'm glad to say that I taught with Class Afloat for

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another year at sea aboard the Norwegian vessel Sorlandet. Then I worked as the recruiter during this past year. I now live in Toronto with my boyfriend, James, who I met on board Sorlandet, and am working towards becoming an actuary.

Throughout the experience of surviving a shipwreck, I didn't notice myself changing. However, after having had some time to reflect on it I've come to realize that I have changed. I'm more apt to communicate honestly with people, especially if they've done something to bother me. My material possessions have less value for me, and the people in my life have much more. And, one of my favourite things I've realized is that every day deserves your best effort. During our first day lost at sea, we were all discussing what we were going to do once we were home. Many of us talked of eating ice cream for days and curling up in bed with a marathon of movies. One student disagreed. She said, "I'm not going to do any of that, guys! I'm going to go snowboarding and attend concerts and have great conversations with my parents. I'm going to live!" Your life is not over yet, so make sure you take advantage of every opportunity that comes your way. I know that it will be worth it.

Thank you for your interest in my story. It's been a pleasure speaking for you. ❧

Do you know them?



Back of photo—Pleasant Street, Truro. June 17, 1937.
Normalites, Grad Day, '37.

Photo donated by the family of Alan Fanning.

Letter to the Editor

October 18, 2012

Dear Sandy,

Congratulations on becoming our new Alumni President and many thanks for your efforts over the past few years to promote and ingest new life in our Alumni activities.

As you are aware some of us experienced frustration and disappointment regarding the 2012 Reunion.

It would appear that the agenda for Reunion 2012 was forwarded only to those members with computers. On the other hand there are paid up members like myself and other who do not have such access. In such cases some of us had to call at the last minute to get the agenda and registration forms.

Furthermore, some members were informed that banquet and dance tickets would not be available to shoe who did not pre-register. Nowhere in the 2012 agenda was this stipulation mentioned.

Over the years many waited until they arrived on Friday in Truro to register. I can certainly understand that waiting to register on Saturday would not be fair to those preparing the banquet. Please include in the 2013 agenda the necessity to pre-register to receive banquet tickets and to send mail outs to members without computer access.

Respectfully,

Don Hollett

Class of 1955

Reply to Mr. Hollett's letter:

First of all, I want to thank Mr. Hollett for his note. It is only with feedback—both positive and negative—from our membership that we can continue to grow as an organization that can serve its membership effectively.

Each year we make every effort to contact as many Alumni as reasonably possible. All Alumni have the option of asking for their contact to be via email or postal mail. Those who indicate email receive reunion information, updates, notices and a link to the online version of the newsletter by email. Those who choose to maintain communication via postal mail get the same information along with a printed edition of the newsletter sometime within a few weeks of the newsletter being published (generally Feb/Mar).

Due to the high cost of postage and printing, we may send fewer notices to those who choose to be contacted by postal mail, but the spring mailing would definitely go out to them. As well, while we have tens of thousands of names on file, it is only feasible to send postal mail to those who have paid memberships.

That said, there is always the possibility of human (or other) error in our organization and/or in Canada Post. I am very sorry that some of the members of the Class of 1955 had a less than excellent experience at Reunion 2012 and hope that this will not prevent them from enjoying future reunions.

Alexander (Sandy) MacDougall, '85

President and Reunion Co-Chair, Alumni Association of NSTC

Reunion 2012



Class Photos



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In Memoriam

Always Remembered

1920s

ATTWOOD (MacInnis), Kathleen Anne "Kaye", 101, Antigonish (formerly of Glace Bay), January 28, 2012
FINLEY (Chapman), Inez Bernice, 101, Oxford, April 26, 2012
HODGSON (Lawlor), Helen Anna, 99, Tracadie, February 9, 2012
MacKINNON (Tompkins), Lillian, 107, Neil's Harbour, September 25, 2012
MacLELLAN (MacDonald), Mary "Agnes", 103, Antigonish, October 8, 2012
McCONNELL (Moxsom), Margaret Bernice, 104, Fredericton, NB, November 11, 2012

1930s

BARKHOUSE (Killam), Joyce Carman, 98, Woodville, Kings County, February 2, 2012
BEATON (Parker), Margaret Elizabeth, 95, Mabou Ridge, December 10, 2012
CAMERON (Frail), Marie I., 98, Lower Debert, June 9, 2012
CARTER (Sutherland), Olive Rose, 95, Greenwich (formerly of Wolfville), January 2, 2012
COCK, James Lyall, 99, Kitchener, Ontario, August 11, 2012
COLDWELL, Nellie Josephine, 101, Wolfville (formerly of Gaspereau, Kings County), September 14, 2012
COLPITTS (Steeves), Inez Joannna, 98, Colpitts Settlement, July 26, 2012
CORKUM (Himmelman), Charlotte Louise, 94, Rose Bay, January 14, 2013
COX (Scoates), Marjorie Barbara, 92, Belmont, July 21, 2012
CROSBY, Gerald B., 95, Lockeport, March 22, 2012
ELLIS (Ada Beatrice), Ada Beatrice, 91, Victoria Beach, March 13, 2012
FISHER (Wyllie), Lyda Frances, 93, Brookfield, August 16, 2012
FOUGERE (LeBlanc), Anne Cecile, 93, Halifax, January 9, 2012
FULLER (Nicoll), Hilda Louise, 99, Shelburne, August 2, 2012
GUNN (Ferguson), Jean Christine, 92, Falmouth (formerly of Truro), May 29, 2012
HAVERSTOCK (Hobbs), Rosa Virginia, 95, Dartmouth, March 21, 2012
HIBBITTS, Rev. Dr. John Bernard, 93, Halifax, March 24, 2012
HOLMAN (Pye), Sigrid Agnes Elizabeth, 93, Halifax (formerly of Moser River), February 19, 2012
HUDSON (Stoddart), Martha Norma, 94, Port Wade, July 1, 2012
KENT (MacKinnon), LuLu Belle, 96, Halifax/Dartmouth, January 27, 2012
MacDONALD (Cameron), Mary Katherine, 92, Water-vale, Pictou County, January 7, 2012
MacDOUGALL (Sutherland), Evangeline Maude, 99, Pictou (formerly of Sunny Brae), March 5, 2012
MacDOUGALL (MacGillivray), Harriet E., 94, Arisaig, September 7, 2012
MacLENNAN, Florence Ann "Nan", 91, Antigonish (and Dunvegan), January 13, 2013
MacNAUGHTON, Rev. Lee, 96, Pictou (formerly of

Scotsburn), March 25, 2012
MacPHEE (Rankine), Ann Mae, 94, Truro, August 6, 2012
MacPHERSON (Davison, Brown), Margaret Elva, 95, Niagara Falls, Ontario, January 2, 2012
McPHEE (Davison), Nina Agnes, 95, Truro (formerly of Westphal), March 1, 2012
MOUNCE (Luther), Ella, 93, Newport Landing, January 31, 2013
RICE (Clarke), Emma Marguerite, 91, Liverpool, January 23, 2013
RUSSELL (Spicer), Dorothy Margaret "Dot", 92, Kentville, November 20, 2012
STEELE (Hemlow), Helen Fay, 99, Dartmouth (formerly of Halls Harbour and Halifax), January 19, 2013
THORNE, Dorothy Evelyn, 91, Annapolis Royal (formerly of Granville ferry), January 27, 2013
TOPLIS (Freeman), Irene Christopher, 92, Milton, March 19, 2012
WAKEFIELD (Thompson), Jessie L., 96, Amherst, March 4, 2012
WALKER (Zwicker), Rena Pearle, 92, Chester Grant, December 28, 2012

1940s

AUCOIN (Gallant), Marie Louise, 81, Dartmouth, January 26, 2012
BAXTER (Lorg  r  ), Lorette Marie, 85, Dartmouth, September 2, 2012
CAMERON (Newton), Eileen Annie, 83, Hamilton, Ontario, November 22, 2012
CAMPBELL, Kathleen E. "Kathie", 88, Dartmouth, January 31, 2013
CHAISSON, Sister Antoinette (formerly Rose Cecilia), 83, Antigonish, May 26, 2012
CROWE (Scranton), Erna Imelda, 87, Stewiacke, July 17, 2012
ESTABROOKS (Dixon, Hicks), Jean Louise, 83, Amherst, December 14, 2012
HART, Eunice Muriel, 85, Inverness, November 14, 2012
MacDONALD, John Donald, 85, Inverness, July 19, 2012
MacDONNELL (Beaton), Mary Assumpta, 89, Antigonish, September 2, 2012
MacEACHERN (MacNeil), Joyce Marie, 85, Sherbrooke (formerly of Cape George, Antigonish County), November 15, 2012
MacLEOD (Hudson), Ruby Blanche, 82, Country Harbour, March 11, 2012
MacPHEE (Doyle), Ellen Catherine "Nellie", 87, Eastern Passage (formerly of Sydney Mines), December 23, 2012
MATTINSON (Millar), Rosa Catherine, 88, Pugwash, June 12, 2012
MORRISON, Ralph Anthony, 81, Dartmouth, April 6, 2012
MUISE (d'Entremont), Rose Irene, 90, Dayton (formerly of Surette's Island, Yarmouth County), April 9, 2012
PETTIGREW-HEBERT, Ruth, 83, Montreal, June 23, 2012
POOLE (Fitzpatrick), Florence Elizabeth, 84, Truro, August 9, 2012

SMITH (Moore), Dora Irene Pearl, 89, Truro, January 9, 2013
TYLER (Yould, Lundin), Frances Elizabeth, 82, Peterborough, Ontario, May 22, 2012
WELNER (Larder), Ellen Dorothy "Dot", 82, New Ross, January 25, 2012
WETMORE (Parsons), Thelma Marie, 85, Dartmouth, March 22, 2012

1950s

AUCOIN (Swaine), Eileen Edith, 80, Canso, August 31, 2012
BETHEL, H. Iris, formerly of Point Tupper, April 3, 2012
CHENEY (Bruce), Mary Elizabeth "Beth", 80, Saint John, September 10, 2012
CROUSE (Wood), Joyce Loreen, 76, Bridgewater, April 9, 2012
DENTON (Leeman), Betty Jean, 79, Little River, Digby County, February 14, 2012
FLETCHER (Mumford), Jean Maude, 78, Windsor, July 17, 2012
GRAVES (Hatt), Lila May Victoria, 80, Berwick, March 14, 2012
HAGAR, Ross Elliott, 77, Dartmouth, October 13, 2012
HATTON, The Right Rev. Dr. George "Russell", 79, Dartmouth, ~January 17, 2012
JOLIMORE (Landry), Ella Marie, 80, Halifax, November 5, 2012
LeBLANC (Arsenault), Marie Jeanette, 78, Bedford, May 25, 2012
MacDONALD, Alexander Stanley, 77, Guysborough, March 4, 2012
MOMBOURQUETTE, Joseph Constant "Joe", 78, Salmon River, March 11, 2012
NICKERSON (Larkin), Mary Elaine, 80, Shelburne (formerly of Clark's Harbour), January 31, 2012
OTTO, James Douglas, 78, Truro, May 25, 2012
PELLERIN, Basil Francis, 77, Larry's River, June 29, 2012
THOMPSON, Margaret "Noreen", 79, Truro, March 1, 2012
WELTON, Ralph Garnet, 75, Wallace Bridge, Cumberland County, March 12, 2012
WILTON (Smith), Eileen Urquhart, 74, Truro, May 15, 2012

1960s

DUNBAR, Margaret Elizabeth "Betty", 64, Stellarton, September 1, 2012
DUNCAN (Berry), Alva Maxine, 69, Oxford, January 1, 2012
HENDERSON, Dawn, 63, Bridgewater, November 28, 2012
LUNN, I. Willis "Will", 70, Upper Onslow, March 18, 2012
MacDONALD (Baron), Mary Ruth, 64, Newport, Hants County, April 15, 2012
PIERCE (Sharpe), Carolyn Barbara, 63, Pugwash, November 23, 2012

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1970s

MacINNIS (Boutilier), Elsie "Elaine", 55, Dartmouth, September 13, 2012

MacKINNON, Elizabeth Louise, 59, Sydney, June 8, 2012

VINES, Rev. Joanne Marlene, 58, Chance Harbour, January 22, 2013

1980s

DOOLEY (Cyr), Janice Anne, 47, Westville, April 24, 2012

1990s

LEWIS (Westlake), Kimberly Dawn, 37, England (formerly of Truro), June 7, 2012

Unknown

DELANEY (Estabrooks), Bonny Jean, Warren, November 25, 2012

HASKETT (Ballantyne), Violet E., Cape George, Antigonish County, April 6, 2012

MUIR (MacDonald), Alice Elizabeth, Moncton (formerly of Sydney and Baddeck), January 14, 2012

ORMAN (MacNeil), Mary Catherine, Halifax, September 1, 2012

Faculty/Staff

MULVANEY, Pamela Judith, Truro, September 2012

standard.

When attending a wedding of friends in the Mount Allison University Chapel in Sackville, N. B. in 1971, I sat beside Mr. McQueen's wife in one of the pews and told her of my remembering her husband from his speech at the Kiwanis Club banquet in Truro a long time ago. Stanley McQueen was one of the officiating clergy at that wedding. Later that afternoon, he talked to me and said that he remembered that speaker whom he still saw as a bad example of how to give a speech.

I gave my talk in Truro with the other contestants and was evaluated by the judges. I did not win but it is fair to say that my speech impediment was behind me. The Club gave us a photo of the finalists for senior high, a keepsake that I still have. This was the end of my involvement with the Kiwanis Club's public speaking contest as I was too busy in Grade 12 to participate. The five years in which I did enter were a valuable exercise in self-development.

In 2008, over fifty years later, Mrs. Ross said to me, "I always admired you for overcoming your impediment so well. Public speaking was very good for you. I am so glad that we teachers could help you because you were eager to improve your speech problem." Even after all these years, she never forgot. I am simply amazed that I made such an impression on some of my teachers. I shall always feel gratitude for the support that Mrs. Ross and the others gave me in my difficult situation. I was treated with great sensitivity. 🐾

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Murray Baillie is a member of the Alumni Association and has written many items for this newsletter. Mr. Baillie lives in Miramichi, New Brunswick.

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venues for several reasons. That change seems to have worked well. Last year we encountered several new expenses as a result of our use of the NSCC (former NSTC) campus and this year we've learned those costs will rise again. As someone who lived on that campus for three years, and trod upon the "grad grass" in the quad, I certainly feel the emotional connection to the campus, however we need to be practical and make decisions based on Reunion attendance, value added and cost when we look at plans for Reunion 2014 onward.

Finally, we also need to give serious consideration about how to attract more recent graduates to the Alumni Association and increase attendance at Reunions. This is no small task, but I think over the next five years, under my leadership and/or that of others, this point needs to be examined.

Please take some time and read over this Newsletter. You'll find articles about two Centenarian Alum-

ni (once since deceased), and two other articles by or about Alumni that honour their teachers and the impact they had. Other Alumni are highlighted as well, including our current NSTU President and the late Joyce Barkhouse, author of the novel *Pit Pony*. Toward the back of the newsletter you'll find the tentative agenda for Reunion 2013 and other Reunion related information, including registration information.

In closing, I want to thank the rest of the Alumni Association Executive and all the Area Reps many of whom have been active with the Association for many years. Their ongoing efforts and support are appreciated.

Please feel free to contact me at any time with questions, comments, suggestions and/or concerns about the Alumni Association.

Sincerely,

Sandy



Tokens from the city in the clouds

By Heather Killen

THE SPECTATOR

August 16, 2012, p. 11

It took her nearly 50 years, but Wendy Rodda finally brought back a little piece of South America for show and tell.

Rodda, who retired this year from teaching at Annapolis East Elementary School, said she decided to visit South America last year partly to share with her last class some of the magic from the shores of Lake Titicaca and the city in the clouds.

When she was in school her teacher, Jean Chipman, taught them all about South America. Rodda remembers drawing a map of the continent and labeling the countries; most of all she remembers the story about an ancient city called Machu Picchu.

Last year marked the 100th anniversary of the discovery of Machu Picchu, the ancient Inca city in the clouds, located nearly 7,970 ft above sea level in the mountains of Peru.

"I could draw Peru right now," she said. "And you know, when you're in Grade 7, it's a big deal when a teacher lets you say a word like Titicaca in class."

For many years a trip to South America was something Rodda only did in her imagination. Peru was a place she only saw in stories and pictures. But this



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"The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires."

-William Arthur Ward

dream to see the city in the clouds eventually became a calling. It seemed wherever she turned there was a reference to the ancient city, or to Peru.

Rodda decided last July it was time to make the trip of a lifetime and visit the places her teacher

talked about.

"It looked exactly the way I imagined it," she said. "It looked exactly like the pictures we saw in the books."

While she was there she couldn't help but pick up some keepsakes along the way. She has a longstanding tradition of collecting rocks, a passion that was inspired by another teacher, Bernie Wagner.

"He helped me to identify rocks from all over the world," she said. "Whenever friends, family and former students go on trips I ask them to bring back a rock for me."

Rodda has rocks from Africa, Greece, cathedrals in Europe, and stones from the Caribbean Islands. To mark the occasion of her own trip, she brought back rocks from Chauchilla, an ancient Nazca cultural burial ground, a rock from the shore of Lake Titicaca, and a stone from Machu Picchu.

Last week Rodda placed the stones from Peru on Jean Chipman's grave to credit her with providing the inspiration for the journey of her lifetime.

"Many cultures mark gravestones with flowers, flags, stuffed toys and markers," she said. "Bernie Wagner's love of rocks and minerals inspired me to place rocks at Mrs. Chipman's gravestone. A teacher never knows when the influence starts or ends." ❧

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NEILS HARBOUR - Lillian MacKinnon isn't shy when it comes to sharing her age with strangers. For her, it's a badge of distinction.

The spry lady, originally from Margaree Forks, will celebrate her 107th birthday with family today.

It's believed she is the oldest living person in Nova Scotia.

Canso resident Elsworth (Braz) Ryan was believed to be the province's oldest resident when he died May 3 at age 107.

In an interview Wednesday, MacKinnon said she's looking forward to celebrating her birthday with family and friends at Highland Manor in Neils Harbour. She has lived at the nursing home since 2003.

"I like it here, very good, dear," she said in a soft, shaky voice.

The daughter of Emma Tomkins and William Elmourne, MacKinnon became a teacher in her 20s once she graduated from the Normal College in Truro. She was stationed first at a one-room school house in Glendale, Inverness County, and later at the Ridge School at Cape North, Victoria County, over a four-year period.

She went on to marry Kenneth MacKinnon, and together they had five children Mary Ann, Effie, Elmourne, Kenneth and Stanley. She also has 15 grandchildren, and so many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren it wasn't possible to get an accurate number.

The couple spent only four years living off-island. In 1927, they moved to Boston to seek out work. MacKinnon landed a job as a waitress at Childs restaurant, a popular U.S. chain at the time, while Kenneth worked in a rubber factory.

They returned to Cape Breton for good following Kenneth's father's death in 1931.

Elmourne MacKinnon, along with brother Stanley, are her only surviving children.

Elmourne, 74, described his mother as a fiercely independent woman who lives a simple life in the Highlands.

"That's probably what's most memorable about her character," he said Thursday.

Cape Breton woman turns 107 today

By Chris Shannon
Cape Breton Post
August 3, 2012, p. A1

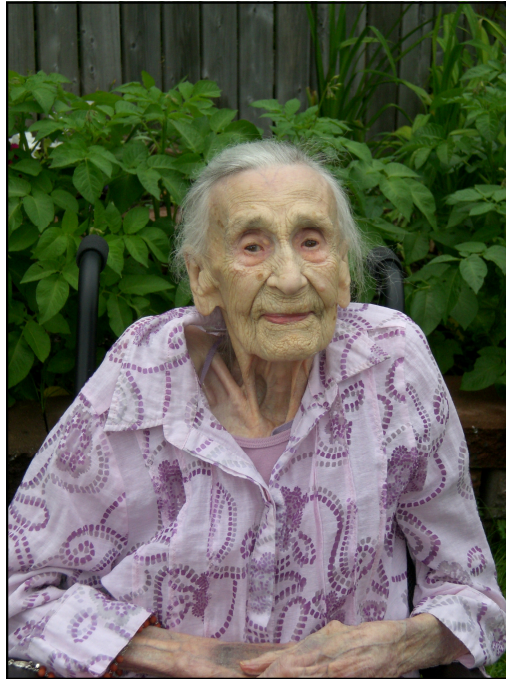


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When MacKinnon left teaching to start a family, in the late 1940s she took on the job of telegraph operator in Dingwall and occasionally filled in for the operator in Baddeck.

Prior to the automated telephone system, the telegraph was the main communication tool communities relied on.

Throughout much of the 1960s to 1980s, time was spent commuting between Dingwall and Sydney.

The couple owned a few rooming houses in the Sydney area during the peak of industrial activity at the steel plant.

Following Kenneth's death in 1990 at the age of 90, MacKinnon returned to Dingwall on a fulltime basis.

Despite a loss of hearing, Elmourne said his mother still has her senses.

At age 98 she had her first leg amputated above the knee due to poor blood circulation. A year later the second leg was amputated for the same reason.

Elmourne said his mother was angry and frustrated that she had to be confined to a wheelchair.

She was a walker right up until then. She was known for that all through the community.

MacKinnon remembered herself loving jumping and running in her early years.

While today's gathering is a private family affair, the manor plans to hold an open house for MacKinnon on Aug. 14 at 2 p.m.

Highland Manor recreation director Tara Williams said people who plan to attend should call ahead of time.

There will be cake and we always get an entertainer in to sing, play fiddle or guitar, she said. ♪

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Lillian MacKinnon passed away on September 25, 2012. Ed.

Reunion 2012 Attendance

Note: In some cases attendees listed below may have registered, but not attended, as well, some faculty/ staff may have attended on Friday night but not registered and therefore are not listed below.

Class of '42

Elizabeth (Moses) Burnard
Marjorie (Pierce) Dowe
Barbara (Murphy) Gordon
Norma (Hatherly) Langille
Pearle (MacLaren) Neil

Class of '44

Helen (Roulston) Miller

Class of '47

Roberta (Sarty) Macnab-James
Kenneth Peters
H. Joyce (Maxwell) Robley

Class of '48

Thomas Rissesco

Class of '49

Russell Dowe

Class of '50

Robert MacIsaac

Class of '52

Hilda (O'Connell) Adams
Leota (Reynolds) Cooper
Gail (Elliott) Fudge
Bridget (Murphy) McKeough
Marion (Woolaver) Newcombe
Jeanette (Rowter) Rawding
Marie (Comeau) Saulnier

Class of '53

Rosella (Hunley) MacDonald

Class of '54

Loretta (Nickerson) Ilse

Class of '55

Eric Bent
Joan (Wiseman) Bent
Maxine (Pynch) Bezanson
Beverly (Camp) Boon

Henry Brown

Marilyn (Forbes) Burns
Patricia (Bigsby) Caudle
Donald Hollett
Eva (Mauger) Landry
Daniel MacLean
M. Ray Nicholson
Howard Spence
Donald Willett

Class of '58

Harold Barkhouse
Margaret (Nelson) Dawe

Class of '59

Sue (MacKay) Kent

Class of '60

Thora (DeWolfe) Hasiuk
Anne Marie (LeBlanc) LeBlanc

Class of '61

Murray Baillie
Helen (MacCormick) MacDonald
David Pottie
Paul Sulis
Robert Thomson

Class of '62

Irene (MacDonald) Chisholm
Eileen (Peach) Cohoon
Sheri (Hilchie) Gaetz-MacCabe
Janice (McCurdy) Kerr
Geraldine (Cosman) White

Class of '63

Charles MacIntyre

Class of '70

Robert (Bob) Jordan

Class of '72

Diane (Robley) Hampton

Class of '82

Mary Ann Bowden
Kathy (MacVicar) Naugler

Class of '84

Lorrie Broderick
Tina (Rhodenhiser) Faulkner
Charlene Landry
Wendy Rodda
Nancy Rudback

Class of '85

Ann Marie (Broderick) Hurlburt
Alexander (Sandy) MacDougall
Cindy (Skidmore) Perry
Heather Ripley
Roberta (Becky) Scott10
Krista (Hinxman) Wright

Class of '86

Owen Parker

Class of '87

Faye (Henley) Arnfast
Kelly (Corbett) Ells
Darren Fancy
Eleanor (MacDonald) Giesbrecht
Diane (Morse) Harris
Susan (Grant) Hoare
David Kokocki
Lynn Macdougall
Lisa Mason
Normajean Taylor
Andrea (MacIntyre) Thomson
Michael Wilson

Class of '89

Kimberley (Boudreau) Grant

Reunion 2013

August 16-18 in Truro

Come out and have some fun!
Bring some old friends,
meet some new friends!

Tentative details and registration information
on page 25.

Questions? Contact us at
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We look forward to seeing you there!

Wanted!

Annual Newsletter Editor

The Alumni Association is looking for an Editor for this newsletter.

Duties include collecting information, news and items of interest and compiling the newsletter for (preferably) a Feb 28 deadline.

Qualifications would include excellent writing and editing skills, familiarity with MS Publisher or similar software.

This is a volunteer position. If interested, please contact
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Age-old mystery: Whodunits keep 103-year-old woman 'on the alert'

By Sharon Montgomery-Dupe
Cape Breton Post
July 13, 2012, p. A3

GLACE BAY - Fanny Cohen can usually be found relaxing in her favourite armchair at home with stacks of books nearby.

"I like a mystery because it entertains you and keeps you on the alert," she said.

"I follow all the clues and try to pick out the culprit myself."

Cohen, who turns 104 Monday, is also still active in the community. She is not only a member of the Glace Bay Hadassah-Wizo, but she hosted the regular summer meeting at her house this week.

Member Shirley Chernin said in recognition of Cohen's birthday, special guests were invited and a birthday party followed.

"We came with cake and sandwiches - the usual Cape Breton menu - made a few presentations and had a little fun."

Chernin said the Glace Bay group - which includes eight members, including three over age of 90 - meets about twice a year. "The beautiful thing is Fanny participates in all the meetings."

"When we go to Fanny's, everyone is smiling and laughing. She will come out with a remark and everyone goes hysterical," she said.

"She does her cryptograms and crossword puzzles in the paper every day without fail."

Reading is Cohen's passion, Chernin added.

"Her caretaker gets her an armload of large-print books from the library every week," Chernin said.

"I asked her, 'Fanny do you read them all?' "She said, 'I read the first chapter and I read the last chapter. I can figure out what's in the middle.'"

Cohen's father came to Glace Bay from the border region between Russia and Poland in 1901, the same year Glace Bay was incorporated as a town.

Cohen, born July 16, 1908, graduated from Glace Bay High School in 1926 and in 1928 completed her studies at Normal College in Truro.

Cohen said her first teaching position was in New



Photo Credit: Sharon Montgomery-Dupe

Aberdeen.

"We'd leave home at 8 a.m. and I'd get there before 9 a.m. We had to walk right through the mine." In the winter, she said, the only things moving on the roads were the plows.

"The men would pick me up and put me on the plow and take me to New Aberdeen school."

Cohen said she is finding today the time is not only going fast - but too fast.

"Whatever is discovered today, is ancient tomorrow," she said.

"We are going too fast in everything - especially our thinking."

As well, Cohen - who follows the news closely - feels people in important government positions are not prepared for what they should be doing.

Cohen is a past-president of the Retired Teachers Association, former secretary for the Nova Scotia Teachers' Union and was an avid community volunteer. ❧

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Following are Minutes of Executive Meetings, Full Council Meetings, the Annual Meeting of the ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF THE NOVA SCOTIA TEACHERS COLLEGE.

Minutes are in the order they occurred and all were recorded and submitted by Sue Kent, Secretary unless otherwise noted.

In the event of discrepancy between these minutes and the official copy held by the Secretary, the official copy shall prevail.

Full Council Meeting April 28, 2012

A full Council meeting was held at the home of Robert Jordan on April 28, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. The meeting was conducted by Sandy MacDougall in the absence of President Helen MacDonald. Present were David Pottie, Roberta Macnab James, Robert Jordan, Maxine Bezanson, Anne Marie LeBlanc, Sue Kent, and Margaret Dawe.

These minutes were taken by Margaret Dawe for Sue Kent

ADOPT AGENDA

Moved by Margaret Dawe and seconded by Anne Marie LeBlanc that the amended agenda be accepted. Carried.

MINUTES

Moved by Robert Jordan seconded by Maxine Bezanson that the corrected minutes of October 29 Council Meeting be approved. Amendments: Under Review of Reunion 2011 "Anne Marie LeBlanc said she did not hear as many positive comments as usual: should read, "Anne Marie LeBlanc heard more positive comments than usual" and under Plans for Reunion 2012 - Speaker: "Eric also suggested Dr. Paul Bennett..." should read "Roberta suggested Dr. Paul Bennett..."

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Council members need to indicate on their registration forms of the intent for or not for staying in residence.
Delete - Noted that it was Roberta Macnab James's suggestion for having Katherine Bradley as guest speaker.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence to be dealt with.

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report—Robert Jordan reported that for the period January 1 to April 27 we had:

Investments	\$12,312.00
Current Account	\$237.20
Total cash on hand	\$12,549.20

Moved by Robert Jordan and seconded by David Pottie. Carried.

Membership Report—Robert Jordan stated that membership is holding about the same but it is proving difficult to get new mem-

bers. Moved by Robert Jordan and seconded by David Pottie.

Publicity Report—Rosella MacDonald was absent but sent a request that everyone spread the word as much as possible to make this reunion a success.

Constitution Report—David Pottie stated no changes at this time.

Publication Report—Sandy MacDougall reported that the newsletter was later than usual for which he takes full responsibility. Robert indicated it will be going out this week to those who receive it via postal mail. Sandy welcomes submissions.

Reunion 2012—Most planning and events are ready for August 17, 18, 19. Tickets on a quilted lap robe and a Christmas tree skirt were distributed. The silent auction will be held again this year at the Little White Schoolhouse. Due to costs, neither Pete Luckett nor Neville MacKay will be presenting at the reunion.

Building Fund—Once again there was considerable discussion and concern about this fund and what can and may be done. A meeting of the Council will be held on June 9th at The Little White Schoolhouse for further planning.

Sandy MacDougall expressed a Thank You to Robert and Audrey Jordan for hosting the meeting at their home.

Maxine Bezanson moved meeting be adjourned. This was followed by a lovely light lunch.

Special Meeting June 9, 2012

These minutes were taken by Margaret Dawe for Sue Kent

President Helen MacDonald, Rosella MacDonald, Roberta Macnab-James, David Pottie, Sue Kent, Robert Jordan, Margaret Dawe met at 1:00 PM in The Little White Schoolhouse Museum in Truro. Also in attendance was Bill Canning who outlined what was being done at that facility in regards to materials from the closed Nova Scotia Teachers' College.

We were given a tour of the downstairs where much of the materials have been stored.

After some discussion, the AANSTC members moved to the Glengarry motel. More discussion.

Moved by David Pottie, seconded by Robert Jordan that the Executive will collect further information in order to make a decision about allocation of the "Building Fund" money and to report to the Executive Council on or before July 10th via telephone conferencing to prepare a 'Notice of Motion' regarding the Building Fund for the Annual meeting in August.

Meeting Adjourned by Margaret Dawe.

Full Council Meeting August 17, 2012

A Full Council Meeting was held in a common area at the residence of the NS Community College, on Friday August 17, 2012 at 3:00 PM. The meeting was conducted by the vice president, Sandy MacDougall. Others present at the meeting were: Anne Marie LeBlanc, Margaret Dawe, Roberta Macnab-James, Darren Fancy, Helen MacDonald, David Pottie, Rosella MacDonald, Eric Bent, Kim Grant, Robert Jordan, and Sue Kent.

- Sandy MacDougall reported that we don't have many registered for the reunion.
- Robert Jordan and Margaret Dawe will do registration this evening.
- Helen MacDonald and Rosella MacDonald will sell the even split (50/50) tickets this weekend.
- Helen MacDonald and Sandy MacDougall will be the MC'S for tonight.
- Eric Bent will introduce the guest speaker tonight, and Sandy MacDougall will thank her.
- Darren Fancy and Anne Marie LeBlanc will collect the breakfast tickets.
- Roberta Macnab-James and Sue Kent will collect the lunch tickets.
- Sandy MacDougall and Darren Fancy will collect the banquet tickets.
- The readers for church Sunday are Eva Landry, Robert MacIssac, and Norma Langille.

Pictures will be taken at 11:30 AM Saturday

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Robert Jordan received a cheque from the Little White Schoolhouse Museum to cover the cost of the storage for a year.

David Pottie adjourned the meeting at 4:00 PM.

Full Council Meeting August 18, 2012

A Full Council Meeting was held in Soloan Dining Hall, Saturday August 18, 2012, at 9:10 AM. It is usually held after the Annual General Meeting, but we didn't have a quorum, so we couldn't conduct the AGM. We will do a short version of the AGM before the banquet. The meeting was conducted by the president Helen MacDonald. Others present at the meeting were: Darren Fancy, Robert Jordan, Rosella MacDonald, David Pottie, Margaret Dawe, Maxine Bezanson, Roberta Macnab-James, Sandy MacDougall, Anne Marie LeBlanc, Helen MacDonald, Eric Bent, and Sue Kent.

Helen welcomed everyone to the meeting. She said it was especially nice to have Darren with us. He travelled from Toronto to be at the reunion.

It was moved by Margaret Dawe and seconded by Anne Marie LeBlanc to approve the agenda as circulated. Motion carried.

Helen reported that the minutes of the August 20, 2011 Full Council Meeting were approved at the October 29, 2011 Full Council Meeting, and printed in the 2012 Newsletter on page 19.

REUNION

Robert Jordan will run off lists of those who graduated in years ending in 3, so we can contact those we know. Robert also suggested we get chairpeople for years ending in 3 and 4.

The 2012 reunion will be reviewed in detail at the October Full Council Meeting.

The dates for the 2013 reunion will be August 16 -18.

It was moved by David Pottie and seconded by Roberta Macnab-James that we give Robert Jordan an honorarium of \$3000. Motion carried.

We need a chairperson for Publicity, Constitution, and Nominations. We will discuss this at our October meeting, and hopefully fill these positions.

Sandy MacDougall reported that he along with Robert Jordan and David Pottie met

with Bill Canning to discuss what to do with the Building Fund. The members of the Board of the Little White Schoolhouse want to settle the issue of what to do with the Building Fund. There is between \$53,000 and \$54,000 in the fund. The only money taken out of the funds is to pay the storage of the items that belong to the NSTC Alumni.

It was suggested that we engage an accountant to examine our current arrangement with respect to the Building Fund, and to advise us in writing what is necessary in order to have the money transferred to the Alumni Association of the Nova Scotia Teachers College legally.

Sandy MacDougall met with an accountant in Bedford, (who happens to be the chair of the board of Mount Saint Vincent University). Sandy asked if the LWSH gave the money to us, would it have an impact on them. He also asked if there would be any problem with us receiving the money. There wouldn't be any legal impact either way. Sandy is still working on this.

We will never be able to afford a building of our own. The only thing we would be able to afford would be a shed. We held off looking for a building thinking they were going to fix up the old Provincial Normal College, and we would get a room there. However, the PNC is deteriorating, and it doesn't appear as if they are going to fix it up.

The Little White Schoolhouse has more things they think belong to the Alumni than what actually does belong to us. We need to go through the things and see what belongs to us, and what does not belong to us. We need to do the same with the things in storage.

Mount St. Vincent, The Art Gallery of NS, The NS Archives, and Colchester Historical Society, Truro may be interested in some of the items from the Alumni.

David Pottie suggested we use the money to hire a professional to set up a Virtual Museum. Some of the memorabilia is not necessarily museum material.

We have a collection of year books and class pictures that we could put on digital. That way they would be available for people to view anytime.

The Telephone Conference Call, Full Council Meeting on July 7, 2012 cost us \$172.00.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Robert Jordan reported that we started the year 2012 with \$1,049.69 in the current account. As of August 16, 2012, we have \$5,036.91 in that account. We have taken in \$3200.00 at the reunion. We still

have to pay for the reunion, so we will have a loss from the reunion.

Our next meeting date will be October 20, 2012.

Roberta Macnab-James adjourned the meeting at 9:50 AM.

Annual Meeting August 18, 2012

A shortened Annual General Meeting was held at the Best Western Hotel at 6:35 PM. The Meeting was conducted by the president Helen MacDonald. It was held at the beginning of the banquet, because we didn't have a quorum to hold it at our regular time, 9:30 AM.

The committee reports, area representatives reports, the secretary's report, and the president's report will not be read, but any that are received will be recorded in the minutes.

It was moved by Sheri Gaetz-MacCabe and seconded by Don Willett to approve the minutes of the 2011 Annual General Meeting as published in the March 2012 newsletter page 16. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Robert Jordan gave the following treasurers report for the year ending December 31, 2011.

Investments	\$12,312.00
Current Account	\$1,049.69
Total cash on hand	\$13,361.69

It was moved by Robert Jordan and seconded by David Pottie to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Sue Kent reported that she recorded and wrote up the minutes of some of the Executive and Full Council meetings. She thanked Margaret Dawe for recording and writing up the minutes of the April 28 and June 9, 2012 Full Council Meetings. She also thanked Helen MacDonald for recording and writing up the minutes of the July 7, 2012 Conference Call Meeting. She took part in these meetings, but had cataract surgery at that time. She thanked Robert Jordan for circulating the minutes. Sue also thanked Robert Jordan and Sandy MacDougall for the great job they do co-convening the reunion. Thanks also to our president Helen MacDonald, the Executive, and Full Council Members for the work they do throughout the year to make the reunion a success. She also thanked Sandy for the great job he does keeping our website up to date.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP

Robert Jordan gave the following membership report. Membership paid for:

Year	Full	Life	10 Yr Full	10 Yr Life	Total
2006			15	39	54
2007			6	18	24
2008			1	8	9
2009	39	69	5	6	119
2010	10	51	4	10	75
2011	37	177	1	10	225
2012	25	90	2	9	126
2013		16			16
Totals	111	403	34	100	648

PUBLICATION

Sandy MacDougall reported that over the year, he looked after the Alumni Newsletter, continued to maintain the website, and administered the Facebook Group. He thanked Robert Jordan for sending out copies of the Newsletter. Many copies were sent on-line, and many were sent by mail. He said the website attracts people from all over the world. He said he would like suggestions for articles for the Newsletter, and for the website. If you have suggestions for either of these, please send them to Sandy.

PUBLICITY

Rosella MacDonald reported that in January she sent e-mails and letters to all area reps. with information about the date, time, and place of our annual reunion, as well as a list of contacts to spread information about the reunion. She also sent a list of duties to the area reps. She included a copy of the information she sent out.

In February she sent information about the reunion to the RTO Newsletter and The Teacher (NSTU). Both organizations published the article. She attended the meetings in October 2011 and June 2012.

She thanked Robert Jordan for agreeing to look after the reunion banner again this year, and Sandy MacDougall for looking after the welcome sign outside the NSCC residence. She also thanked Helen MacDonald for helping her get all the information out about the reunion, and all the area reps. who worked so hard to inform and encourage teachers to come to the NSTC annual reunion.

REUNION

Robert Jordan reported that the total number of people who attended the reunion this year was 82. We have a lot less registered this year than other years, especially last year when we had 187 registered for the reunion.

Sandy MacDougall reported that plans for next years reunion begin as soon as this one is over. At our meeting next month we will begin lining up chairpeople for the classes ending in 3, so they can start contacting people from their year to let them know about the reunion.

NOMINATIONS

David Pottie presented the following nominations report:

- Past President—Helen MacDonald ('61)
- President—Alexander (Sandy) MacDougall ('85)
- Vice President—Shelley Morse ('81)

Area Reps.

- Cumberland-Colchester-East Hants—Faye Arnfast ('87)
- Halifax Municipality—Vacancy (filled later by Stephen MacDonald, '85)
- Digby-Clare-Argyle-Yarmouth—Larry Fitzgerald ('79)
- Kings- Annapolis—Maxine Bezanson ('55)
- Northside-Victoria-Cape Breton—Rosella MacDonald ('53)

CONSTITUTION

David Pottie reported there is no change in the constitution at this time.

BUILDING FUND

Robert Jordan reported there is between \$53,000 and \$54,000 in the Building Fund. We are still in the process of deciding what to do with the money in the Building Fund. The board of the Little White Schoolhouse no longer wants to be responsible for it.

AREA REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

DIGBY-CLARE-ARGYLE-YARMOUTH

No report

HALIFAX MUNICIPALITY

No report

KINGS-ANNAPOLIS

Maxine Bezanson reported that she sent notices to the local newspapers, radio, and TV stations. She also contacted many people personally, and asked them to pass the word along to anyone they thought might be interested in the reunion.

CUMBERLAND-COLCHESTER-EAST HANTS

No report.

PICTOU-ANTIGONISH-GUYSBOROUGH

Kimberly (Kim) Grant reported that she sent notices to the Strait Regional School Board, and the Chignecto-Central School Board to be forwarded to the schools. She also posted notices at various businesses throughout the counties.

INVERNESS-RICHMOND

Anne Marie LeBlanc reported that she made contacts in Inverness County via: The Inverness County RTO, the Inverness Oran (Newspaper). In Cheticamp she contacted the TV station CHET and the radio station CKJM. She also contacted three Co-ops, three credit unions, two pharmacies, and the post office. She also phoned many people about the reunion, and had personal contact with many people.

Anne Marie also contacted Elaine Burke, River Bourgeois, Richmond County, and asked her to spread word about the reunion through her church bulletin, the radio station CIGO, both community TV channels, and the local newspaper The Reporter. Anne Marie said she appreciates Elaine's help and thanked her very much.

NORTHSIDE-VICTORIA-CAPE BRETON

Rosella MacDonald reported that she mailed a letter with details about the reunion to the RTO presidents in the Cape Breton area. Namely: Courtney. Glace Bay, John Donovan, New Waterford, and Bernadette Holohan, Sydney. Rosella likes to get the information out early, to give people time to plan their activities around the reunion dates. She had the opportunity to speak about the reunion and our guest speaker, at their local RTO'S AGM in June.

With the assistance of a secretary from Cape Breton Victoria School Board staff, and with the permission of the Superintendent, a "bulletin board" type of notice was faxed to every school in the district. All active as well as retired teachers in the Cape Breton area had access to the information about the Annual Reunion 2012.

LUNENBURG-HANTS WEST

Roberta Macnab-James reported that she sent notices about the reunion to local weekly newspapers, The Lighthouse Log and

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Colour and black & white editions may be viewed and/or downloaded.

The Progress Bulletin. She had details of the reunion announced on the local radio station CKBW, and the local Community Bulletin Board. She spoke about the reunion at the RTO luncheon in June. She spoke to people in person and on the phone.

SHELBURNE-QUEENS

Margaret Dawe reported that information was given out and discussed at Retired Teachers Meetings in both Queens and Shelburne Counties on two occasions. Notices were given to NSTU school representatives to be placed in their respective schools. She also made personal contacts.

OUT OF PROVINCE-ATLANTIC

Bernice McLean reported that she was sorry she was unable to attend the reunion. Her family is home for a visit. She put an announcement in the papers in Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, and New Brunswick. She said if anyone would like to take over this position, it was alright with her. She hoped everyone would have a wonderful time.

OUT OF PROVINCE-QUEBEC/ONTARIO

No report.

OUT OF PROVINCE-WEST

No report.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Helen MacDonald welcomed everyone to the reunion, and hoped they would have an enjoyable weekend. Robert Jordan is the founder and constant strength of our organization. Sandy MacDougall creates the "Voice Of Our Alumni" Newsletter. Helen thanked Robert and Sandy for the excellent job they do. She also thanked the Executive and area reps. for the work they do during the year.

Recently in The Cape Breton Post a former graduate, Fanny Cohen, who is 104, and graduated in 1928 was recognized. She was hosting the regular meeting of the Glace Bay Haddassah-Wizo at her home. The story told how she does her cryptograms and crossword puzzles each day.

The Cape Breton Post also featured an article on Lillian MacKinnon, originally from Margaree Forks, now living in Neil's Harbour who celebrated her 107th birthday. She began teaching in her late teens after graduating from Normal College. Her son Elmore MacKinnon spent many years as the School Board Member for North of Smokey.

Each year Murray Baillie, class of 1961, writes an article about our guest speaker for the Alumni Newsletter. Helen thanked Murray for this important service.

Helen talked briefly about the Old Normal College, and how we would like to have a place to preserve our Normal/Teachers'

College Story. We have the collection of materials that were housed in Willow St. School that are now in storage. The cost for the storage comes out of the Building Fund.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

Moved by Robert Jordan and seconded by David Pottie that we appoint Harold Barhouse and Tom Acker as auditors for the year 2012-2013. Motion carried.

ELECTION OF AREA REPS AND OFFICERS

The results are as recorded in the Nominations Report of these minutes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Helen MacDonald announced that the church service would be at First Baptist Church, 759 Prince Street at 10:30 AM.

Don Willett adjourned the meeting at 7:45 PM.

Executive Meeting

October 13, 2012

An Executive Meeting was held at the home of Robert Jordan Saturday October 13, 2012, at 12:30 PM. The meeting was conducted by the president Alexander (Sandy) MacDougall. Others present at the meeting were: Helen MacDonald, Rosella MacDonald, Robert Jordan, and Sue Kent.

It was moved by Robert Jordan and seconded by Rosella MacDonald to approve the agenda as circulated. Motion carried.

It was moved by Helen MacDonald and seconded by Robert Jordan to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2012 Executive Meeting. Motion carried.

A discussion took place concerning the question that was asked, "Do we need an Executive Meeting before the Full Council Meeting?"

It was moved by Helen MacDonald and seconded by Robert Jordan that we do not need an Executive Meeting just before the Full Council Meeting as the topics are discussed again at the Full Council Meeting. Motion carried.

We will just have our regular Full Council meeting at 1:00 PM.

Helen MacDonald adjourned the meeting at 12:45 PM.

Full Council Meeting

October 13, 2012

A Full Council Meeting was held at the home of Robert Jordan Saturday October 13, 2012 at 1:00 PM. The meeting was conducted by

the president Alexander (Sandy) MacDougall. Others present at the meeting were: Helen MacDonald, Rosella MacDonald, Margaret Dawe, Roberta Macnab-James, Robert Jordan, Faye Arnfast, and Sue Kent.

Moved by Margaret Dawe seconded by Helen MacDonald to approve the agenda as circulated. Motion carried.

Moved by Rosella MacDonald seconded by Margaret Dawe to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2012 Full Council Meeting, the August 17, 2012 Full Council Meeting, and the August 18, 2012 Full Council Meeting. Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Chairpeople for the following positions are as follows:

- Publicity—Darren Fancy
- Constitution—Vacant
- Nominations—Helen MacDonald

TREASURER'S REPORT

Robert Jordan gave the following financial report for the period January 1 to October 13, 2012.

Investments	\$12,312.00
Current Account	\$18.19
Total cash on hand	\$12,330.19

Moved by Robert Jordan seconded by Roberta Macnab-James to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

We owe Robert Jordan \$1,100.00. He made an advance to the Alumni Association to cover some cheques he wrote until we could cash a GIC.

MEMBERSHIP AND LIFE MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Robert Jordan gave the following Membership report:

Year	Full	Life	10 Yr Full	10 Yr Life	Total
2006			15	39	54
2007			6	18	24
2008			1	8	9
2009	39	69	5	6	119
2010	10	51	4	10	75
2011	37	180	1	10	228
2012	27	90	2	9	128
2013		18			18
Totals	113	408	34	100	655

Moved by Robert Jordan seconded by Helen MacDonald to accept the membership report as presented. Motion carried.

REUNION

DATES: The dates of the 2013 reunion are August 16th - 18th.

REUNION FINANCIAL REPORT

Robert Jordan reported that we lost money on the reunion this year. We had some extra expenses this year that we didn't have other years. We had to pay \$350.00 for insurance Friday night, and \$100.00 for security, plus tax. We also had to pay \$50.00 for the microphone and sound system.

We can do the Friday Night Reception and opening cheaper at the Best Western, than we can at the Community College.

Moved by Robert Jordan seconded by Margaret Dawe to accept the Reunion Financial Report as presented. Motion carried.

RECOMMENDED CHANGES FOR THE NSTC REUNION

- 1) Change the food menu for Friday night. It was very expensive this year.
- 2) Have some activities planned for Saturday afternoon
- 3) Reach out to the 25 year group -- the class of 1988

CHAIRPEOPLE

We need to get chairpeople for the years 2013 and 2014. Robert Jordan sent us lists of the 3's and 4's, so we can contact those we know. Robert will send out the 1988 list.

Suggestions for chairpeople for the classes 1953, 1963, 1973, 1983 are as follows:

- Joan McFadden and Rosella MacDonald—1953
- Tommy and Agnes Gaskell—1963
- Cathy Boudreau—1973
- Bill Jesty—1983

TICKET DRAW

We need to get something nice for our ticket raffle draw, also something for a door prize to be drawn for at the banquet.

SPEAKER

Suggested speakers for Friday night were, Natalie MacMaster, Tommy Gaskell, Dr. Paul Bennett, and Shelley Morse.

SPEAKERS GIFT

Helen MacDonald said the speakers gift is too large. She suggested that one person pick up two items, and each of us pay a few dollars to cover the cost.

Moved by Margaret Dawe, seconded by Helen MacDonald that the speaker's gift should not exceed \$30.00. Motion carried.

BUILDING FUND

Sandy MacDougall presented the following report: Fund raising for the "Building Fund" was done or directed almost entirely by the Alumni Association.

Friends of the Little White Schoolhouse started to issued tax receipts for donations to the "Building Fund" shortly after it began. They stopped doing this about a year ago.

The Building Fund had previously been held in a separate bank account and investments. These were never in Trust. They were always in the name Friends Of The Little White Schoolhouse. The separate Building Fund bank account has been closed, and funds are now in the Friends of the Little White School general account.

The funds currently in the Building Fund came from four sources namely:

1. Receipted donations primarily from Alumni Association Members
2. Donations for which non-eligible receipts were issued to individuals
3. Donations from fund raising efforts eg. \$1.00 from each reunion registration, silent auction etc.
4. Interest earned on the above

Most, maybe all the balance of the Building Fund that wasn't invested was turned over to the Alumni Association in a cheque for \$2000. earlier this year.

Sandy met with Krysta I. Adamski a chartered account from Bedford. She confirmed that if the LWSH wrote a cheque to the Alumni Association for \$54,000, or it's share of the fund raising, and the CRA discovered this, they would likely revoke the charitable status of the LWSH. Krysta had a co-worker check this out, and she spoke with someone from the Charities Directorate at CRA and the CRA agent confirmed this.

There are a few options we can do to avoid putting the LWSH at risk of losing its charitable status. Some of them aren't really practical. They are listed below.

(1) Leave the money in the LWSH. If raising money for a building to be used by both organizations is no longer an option, perhaps they could look at renting a space together. The LWSH could rent the space with the funds, and sublet part of it to the Alumni Association. The issue here would be that the Alumni Association would not want to pay rent for the space since the funds were raised together. If the LWSH didn't charge the Alumni Association rent, the CRA could take issue with this. But depending on the charitable purpose of the LWSH, renting the space with the funds and letting the Alumni Association use some of that space may not be in violation with their objectives. As long as the payment is made in line with the or-

ganization's objectives, the payment should be acceptable.

(2) The LWSH could give the money to the Alumni Association, and it would not be against the rules if they set up an intermediary agreement. The agreement would have to be drafted to instruct the Alumni Association how it must spend the money. The issue here is that the money needs to be spent in accordance with the charitable objectives of the LWSH. This may or may not be in line with the objectives of the Alumni Association.

(3) Another option described by the CRA agent is to treat the Alumni Association as a third party fundraiser. Krysta didn't see this as a viable option.

(4) Have the LWSH pay the \$54,000 to a municipality, and set up an agreement whereby the town of Truro would give this money for the use of the Alumni Association. Krysta didn't see this as a viable option either.

(5) Create a new registered charity. This could be done just by the Alumni Association, or jointly by the Alumni Association and the LWSH, or if possible, get the existing Alumni Association registered as a charity. Krysta thought this may or may not work with the Alumni Association's objectives, but she thought it is worth considering. If the LWSH makes the payment to a registered charity, it will not put the charity in trouble with the CRA. If they set up a charity together, then they can carry on with their original intent in finding space together to display the pieces. This would take some time and resources, but it could work.

Over the years the PNC/NSTC items, artifacts, photographs, and memorabilia have been collected moved and stored in various places including the LWSH Museum.

Some members of the Alumni Association thought, and were told by Friends of the Little White Schoolhouse Museum executive, that much of the PNC/NSTC material stored at the Museum was of no interest to them and belonged to the Alumni Association.

The Alumni Association executive was in the process of finding other locations for some items and determining ways to make all the items, artifacts, photographs, and memorabilia available to the public.

Then we were informed in August that the information that had been given to the Alumni Association by some FLWSH Executive was given in error, and the Alumni Association has no claim on any items currently situated in the LWSH Museum.

RULES FOR ORDER OF MEETINGS

Robert Jordan gave us a copy of a new set of rules for conducting a meeting. The format is much the same, with a few minor changes.

(1) Not all topics such as approval of the agenda or minutes etc. need to be moved and seconded. The chairperson can simply declare the agenda, minutes, etc. Approved.

(2) Correspondence can be read or paraphrased.

(3) Adjournment: If there is no business, or after calling for new or other business and hearing none, the Chair declares the meeting adjourned.

(4) Announcements should be made after the meeting has been adjourned. For example the date of the next meeting.

I will put a copy of this in the minute book with the minutes of this meeting.

These changes will be discussed at the next meeting.

The date of the next meeting is April 27, 2013.

Robert Jordan suggested we do a conference call meeting.

Helen MacDonald moved the meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM.

Here and there...

Tom Rissesco ('48) and his wife **Marianne** (nee Fougere) celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary this past Christmas. They were married in River Bourgeois on December 27, 1962.

Murray Baillie ('61) was honoured by Canadian Blood Services on the occasion of 75 blood donations!

Allan Moore has recently returned home to Truro after a trip to India.

Neil Fisher spent two weeks in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico in January enjoying the beautiful Banderas Bay. He's off again soon to Florida. Don't forget the sunscreen Neil!

Eric and Joan Bent ('55) celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in Quebec City with their children and grand-children.

Gordon Jeffery spent six weeks visiting family in England and touring various WW2 battle sites and museums.

Do you know them?



Back of photo—B' Basketball Team. Truro '37.
Photo donated by the family of Alan Fanning.



Back of photo—L-R Violet—Ona—Faye. '37.
Photo donated by the family of Alan Fanning.

If you can identify any of the people in these photos (or the one on p. 9) please let us know. We'll include the additional detail when we post the photos in the online gallery.

◆ ◆ Reunion 2013 Tentative Agenda ◆ ◆

Friday, August 16, 2013

Check-in at Best Western Glengarry Hotel, Truro

4:00 pm - Davis Hall Residence opens

6:00-8:00 pm - Reunion Registration at NSCC
(previously NSTC) Campus—Cafeteria Lobby

Faculty Event

A chance to visit with
faculty and staff from
TC on Friday evening.

7:30 pm - Official Opening
of Reunion 2012
with Guest Speaker,
TBA in NSCC Cafeteria
8:00 pm - Faculty/Staff
Tribute - A great time
to thank those who

helped us through our years at NSNC/NSTC.

8:30 pm - Pub-night - Mix and mingle, socialize
with old friends, catch up, make new friends—
if you play an instrument, bring it along—join
the “kitchen party”! Cash Bar available.

Friday notes:

- The Best Western Glengarry Hotel has a special rate for Alumni Reunion weekend. More information on page 27.
- Staying in Davis Hall? Bring a fan if the weather is warm or an extra blanket if weather is cool. Towels and linens are provided.
- No supper provided on site on Friday.
- Friday evening activities are all at the NSCC Campus (previously NSTC).
- Cash bar available for Friday evening events.

Saturday, August 17, 2013

7:00-8:30 am - Breakfast in NSCC Cafeteria

9:00 am - Annual Business Meeting in Cafeteria

10:00 - Executive Meeting in Cafeteria

11:30 am - Class photos on steps of gym

12:30 pm - Lunch in Cafeteria

Afternoon - Time to wander around the campus,
attend class meetings or activities, visit old
haunts, shop, visit the old campus (downtown)
or the Little White Schoolhouse Museum

6:00 pm - Reception and Social at Best Western

6:30 pm - Dinner and Awards at the Best Western
Glengarry

8:30 pm - Institute Night/Coffee House/Tunes &
Tankards - Depending on the time period you
attended, one of these terms may roughly rep-
resent what you can expect on Saturday even-
ing. If you have a talent you want to share,
bring it along. Dance to Jim Aylward ('91) and
his band *Sweet Revenge*. This is bound to be an
evening of fun for everyone - there may be
prizes too!!

Saturday Notes:

- The afternoon is a great time to get together with friends and relax. If you need a space to meet, check with one of the Reunion organizers who will be glad to help.
- Cash bar is available for the Social, Dinner and into the evening.



Sunday, August 18, 2013

Breakfast on your own locally. Best Western Glengarry has a buffet you may want to visit.

Time TBA - Special Church Service —
Location TBA.

As we get closer to the Reunion, please check the website for more details and final plans!!

Important Notice regarding

Banquet Tickets

Please be aware that Banquet tickets will NOT be available on site. Banquet tickets will only be available in advance by pre-registering.

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lations changed. So we had to work out a way to use the money while not putting the Little White School House Association in any difficult legal situations.

In addition, it recently came to our attention that the Alumni Association actually owns very little of the material that remains from the previous PNC and/or NSTC. Much of that material resides in the Little White School House Museum, and belongs to that Association.

But, after years of effort and hoping for other possibilities, many of the arrangements have finally been worked out and we will soon (hopefully!) be ready to lay the “Building Fund” aside and move forward with a new title to reflect the new role.

While specific terminology and details are yet to be worked out, the plan is to create—or more accurately have created for us—an online museum which will house photos and descriptions of artifacts that are currently held by the Little White School House Museum, the Alumni Association, Association members and other Alumni. This plan will also allow us to scan and host documents like PNC and NSTC yearbooks, and photos. With this “Virtual Museum” being online it will be available and accessible to anyone in the world.

So far we’ve redesigned our website to make the process easier when we start to develop the online museum and archives. Then, once more of the details are sorted, we’ll hire a website development company to continue development of the “museum” and scan documents so they can be displayed digitally. At

the same time we’ll hire a photographer to capture the physical artifacts in digital detail.

Several years ago a committee was established between the Little White School House Association and the Alumni Association, for the purpose of administering the “Building Fund”. It is hoped that we can simply re-establish that committee with minor changes and move forward from there with the Alumni Association directing the development of the museum and archive project and the Little White School House Association providing access to the materials and artifacts, offering support, and continuing to account for the funds and hopefully issuing receipts for future donations.

At this time, the Executive and Area Reps of the Alumni Association have all reviewed the plan and a majority have indicated that they agree in principal with the plan as described here. These details are currently being reviewed by the Little White School House Association, and we are awaiting their approval in principal.

So, by this time next year—and *maybe* by Reunion 2013—we hope to be able to show you the results of 15 years of fund raising and donations in the form of the:

PNC/NSTC Online Museum and Archives
(working title only!)

Your comments and questions are welcome, and as always we are happy to receive photos and details about PNC/NSTC artifacts you may own.

We need you!

Do you have something to contribute to the Newsletter? Story ideas, an obituary notice, an update for Class & Faculty Notes, a special story you’d like to share? Well, we want to hear from you! Send your contributions to:

Newsletter@nsteacherscollege.ca

Or perhaps you have something for the Website—a comment, photo, historical information? We want that too! Send those to:

WebAdmin@nsteacherscollege.ca

In either case, you can also drop us a note to the address on page 3.

Questions about the Reunion?

Need more information?

**Contact the
Reunion 2012 Coordinators**

**Bob Jordan, ‘70
Sandy MacDougall, ‘85**

reunion@nsteacherscollege.ca
or

PO Box 1252 Truro NS B2N 5N2

PNC/NSTC Artifacts

As part of the on-going effort to compile history and information about PNC/NSTC we continue to look for images of rings and other artifacts related to the College. We currently have images of several rings and some other jewellery pieces as well as a couple of other items in the online gallery.



As you can see from these photos, there was a wide array of items produced over the years. The variety and styles of rings alone, is quite interesting.

If you have a ring, pin, tie clip or any other item and have the ability to take a digital picture of it, we'd like to get that image to add to the gallery. You can send it along to webadmin@nsteacherscollege.ns.ca and we'll add it to the collection along with a note that credits the owner and gives a brief description of the item and the time period/year it represents.



Best Western Glengarry

Special Reunion Weekend Rate

\$115.99 /night for 1 person

\$125.99 /night for 2 people

Booking must be made by July 17, 2013
Quote "Alumni Reunion" to get the special price
Make reservations directly—all prices + tax
902-893-4311 or 1-800-567-4276

Alumni Who Served their Country

The Little White Schoolhouse Museum has compiled data on Alumni who served in the First World War.

They now want to start collecting similar data on Alumni who served in the Second World War, Korea or any other conflict. If you know of such Alumni please forward as much of the following details as possible to Newsletter@nsteacherscollege.ca (or mail it to the address on page 2): full name, service, service number, home location. The more complete the information, the easier it will be to verify and document, but any information will be helpful.

Online	Facebook	Twitter
www.nsteacherscollege.ca	www.facebook.com/groups/nsteacherscollege	@NSTCAumni

Nominations for Offices for Alumni Association of NSTC

The following will become vacant this year and nominations for these offices will be accepted from Alumni Members up to and including the Annual Meeting held in Truro on August 17, 2013. Those currently holding the position will be contacted to determine if they wish to be considered for another term. Term of office is two years:

Office

Treasurer
Secretary

Area Representatives

Shelburne-Queens
Lunenburg-Hants West
Pictou-Antigonish-Guysborough
Inverness-Richmond
Out-of-Province—Atlantic, Quebec & Ontario, West

You may use the form on the back of this page and mail written nominations to:

Nomination Committee
Alumni Association of NSTC
PO Box 1252
Truro NS B2N 5N2

Little White Schoolhouse Museum

The Little White Schoolhouse Museum (LWSHM) is located on the former NSTC campus (now NSCC Truro Campus) near the corner of Arthur and Willow Streets. The museum is devoted to the history of education in Nova Scotia from the mid-1800's to the early 1970's. The museum itself is a former one-room school which was built in Riverton, Pictou County between 1868 and 1871 and then moved to Truro in 1976.

The LWSHM is operated by a board of directors which is currently chaired by Mr. Bill Canning. During the summer it is open during the day from Monday to Friday. At other times it is usually open on Tuesday mornings when visitors will often find several former TC faculty and friends socializing and working on various museum projects.

Much of the archived materials from PNC/NSTC are housed in the museum. While the LWSHM and the Alumni Association are, for the most part, not technically connected, our goals do overlap and as a result we maintain a very good cooperative relationship. The museum and its volunteers are sources of what seems to be unlimited information on the history of PNC/NSTC and are always very eager to pass along that information or help out when people far and wide get in touch with a wide array of questions.

If you are in Truro, try to get by the Museum for a visit. ☺

Reunion 2013
August 16-18

Plan Ahead! **Reunion 2014**

Classes of :
1934, 1944, 1954, 1964, 1974, 1984 and
1994 will be honoured!

Tentative dates: August 15-17, 2014

Consider being a chair for your graduating year. Contact the reunion coordinators at reunion@nsteacherscollege.ca or drop us a note, if you would like to help organize and contact your classmates.

Make this a group event! Come out to Truro in 2014 and have a great time with old friends... and meet new friends as well!

Nomination Form

Offices and Area Representatives that become vacant this year are listed on the back of this form (see **page 27**). All positions are for a term of two years.

I hereby nominate _____ of the class of _____

for the Area Representative for _____

or Office of _____ for the term of office 2014-2016.

Signed: _____ Class: _____

Name (print): _____ Date: _____

This form may be mailed to the address on **page 27** or passed to the Secretary up to, and including, the Annual Meeting on August 17, 2013.