

Voice of Our Alumni

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President's Message

2017 was a year of much celebration, recognizing our 150th birthday as a nation. 150 years ago, our forefathers and foremothers united, to create Confederation, our great Dominion Of Canada!

Over this time, much has been accomplished--- a ra ilroad and highway, connecting this great nation from coast to coast, innovations in medicine, the games of basketball and hockey, the telephone, the Canada Arm and even the great fiddle tune, 'Canada 150', as penned by famed Cape Breton fiddler and composer, Kinnon Beaton, just to name a few!

Indeed our country has built up a grand collection of cultural achievements, sports and enterta inment highlights, social advancements, technological and scientific innovations. Today, as I ponder this writing of the President's Message, I am enjoying a 'double double', yet another innovative creation!

Our collective Canadian identity is certainly something that we are so very proud of and of course, behind every creative, innovative idea, a success and an accomplishment, is a teacher!

As proud graduates of Normal College and NSTC, Reunion 2017 was indeed a time of reflection and memories, a gathering to reflect on 30-70 years of our careers as educators. It was an occasion to remember those teachers from past and present, who have and continue to serve their province and country with distinction, those who have and continue to prepare our children with the challenges to create, innovate and advance their skills to make a valuable contribution to the world.

Throughout the past several months, connecting with grads, it is interesting to note that ever so many have fulfilled the mandate to teach for many years, while others have moved on to fulfill their ambitions as doctors, professors, lawyers, members of the legislative assembly and many more fields and have broadened their wings to take their skills throughout the world. All credit their innovation and advancement to their training as teachers, graduates of Normal School and NSTC.

Opening evening of Reunion 2017, was a great opportunity for all to meet each other again, to relive through conversation, their experiences as a student

in Truro. While our perspectives change in life, Normal College and NSTC friendships remain intact.

We were delighted to be entertained with the fine musicianship of Judi Cleveland '67. A teacher, Judi has shared her gift of music throughout her native south shore of Nova Scotia and has recorded several recordings. The teacher, gifted musician, her career, has been one of much success and we wish her well, as she shares her music with others.

As well, Joseph Francis MacKenzie (Father Joe) '67 and Rev. Diane 'Tumer' Parker '67 shared their faith journey. As teachers, graduates of NSTC, both shared through the 'Beatitudes', that their teacher training was an avenue to ministry. Profound was the church to further education. Our 'Master Teacher', encouraged us to continually give for the betterment of others. Humility was not thinking less of self, but rather, thinking of self less, because we were there in the classroom for the care of others.

As Reunion 2017 came to a close, gathering as graduates at First United Church, in Truro. I am reminded of the great hymn as we departed, 'We are learners, we are teachers, we are pilgrims on the way. We are givers, we are vessels made of clay. By our gentle loving actions, we would show that Christ is light. In a humble listening spirit, we would live to God's delight.'

May 2018 be yet another occasion for reflection and memories. 150 years, a nation, teachers and learners a long the way, the passion and grit and yes, innovation, ambition, advancement, cultural achievement, we can say that we have contributed to the world stage in a big way!

I believe that over 150 years, the power of a Normal College/ NSTC Grad can be summed up as written by Maya Angelou:

'This is the value of the teacher, who looks at a face and says there's something behind that and I want to reach that person, I want to influence that person, I want to encourage that person, I want to enrich, I want to call out that person who is behind that face, behind that colour, behind that language, behind that tradition, behind that culture. I believe you can do it. I know what was done for me.'

Innovation, creation, advancement and yes, achievement...you bet, because Normal College and NSTC teachers made that difference! See you at Reunion 2018!

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Of Interest:

- Reunion 2018 will be held August 17-19 in Truro. Plan to attend!
- We are online! See inside.
- Nominations sought for many executive positions. See page 19



Prof. Tassel appears courtesy of Neil Fisher



Blessings! Margaret 'Margie' MacIntyre '78

Reunion 2017 Class Photos





1947



1957



Class Photos courtesy of Pridham Studios Truro, NS

1977

Reunion 2017 Class Photos





1987



One Room School House



Other Years

To all people who have attended the Nova Scotia Teachers College Reunion who missed ordering a Class Photo can still do so by contacting us here at the Studio, 902-895-1694 or by email pridhamsrobi@eastlink.ca.

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

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF THE NOVA SCOTIA TEACHERS COLLEGE **ANNUAL MEETING AUGUST 19,2017**

The annual meeting of the Alumni Association of the NSTC was held in Salon E, G of the Best Western Hotel on Saturday August 19, 2017. The president Margie MacIntyre called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. She welcomed everyone to the reunion. She said she was pleased there were so many people here, and hoped everyone would have a great weekend.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Bert Seymour and seconded by Darren Fancy to adopt the agenda as circulated. Motion carried.

MINUTE OF SILENCE

A minute of silence was observed for alumni members who have passed away since our last reunion.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Judy Gardner and seconded by Faye Amfast to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2016 Annual Meeting as printed in the Voice of Our Alumni Newsletter. Motion Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES None

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

TREASURER'S REPORT --- By Robert Jor-

It was moved by Robert Jordan and seconded by Joan Hathaway to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT ---- By Sue Kent

Sue Kent reported that she recorded and wrote up the minutes of the Annual Meeting, and the Full Council Meetings, except the Full Council Meeting on Saturday April 29, 2017, when I could not be there.

I would like to thank Faye Arnfast for taking the first part of the April 29th. minutes, and Anne Marie LeBlanc for recording the second part of the meeting. I would also like to thank Robert (Bob) Jordan for dragging the various reports into the April 29th, minutes, after I had them typed. I don't know how to do that, in fact I don't know much about computers. I always just typed the reports into the minutes. I would also like to thank Robert for circulating the minutes after I have them typed, and for all the work he does not In September, I emailed all RTO presidents, only at the time of the reunion, but all year long.

I would like to thank Alexander MacDougall for that I would be willing to speak at an RTO all the work he does, and for the great job he does looking after our website.

I would also like to thank Margie MacIntyre for all the work she did in preparing for the reunion, and for the special guests she obtained to entertain hope, since then, that these grads responded, us. Thanks also to the other Council Members for through membership fees. the work they do to make our reunion a success.

It was moved by Sue Kent and seconded by Alexander MacDougall to accept the secretary's report as presented. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1) Membership ---- Presented by Robert little interest from the 88's!

2) Communications

*The Teacher And RTO Magazine -Robert Jordan reported that he will put an announcement telling about the Reunion in the Fall and Spring editions of these papers. Both of these papers are provincial, thus reaching a lot of people.

*Newsletter-- Katrina Murphy is our Newsletter Editor, she compiles the Newsletter, and Robert Jordan sends it out to the Alumni Members who have email. He also mails copies to I have asked Sandy, to add our news to our web those members who don't have email, but have page. We need to plug all avenues, folks, if we paid there membership dues. It is expensive to are to educate people on this association! send them by Canada Post, so the more we can send by email the better it is for the alumni.

*Website-- Reported by Sandy MacDougall in his own words.

There isn't much to report regarding the website. It's been in place for 10 years or more, and continues to be a hub of information for Alumni and others. I administer the site and provide the domain. The space has been provided by the Department of Education for several years.

There is one Facebook group associated with the Alumni Association for Alumni of PNC, NSTC, etc. There are currently over 700 members of this these ads in all publications, come Fall and keep group. Faye Amfast and I are the group administrators. There are various other Facebook groups that have been started by individuals over the years for specific purposes (a certain class, Annex, etc.) these are not related to the Association

PUBLICITY REPORT -- Presented by Margie

Two days after Reunion 2016, I began the search for Grads ending in '7', by way of telephone and emails, using email addresses and Facebook. As well, the yearbooks, were a great help!

indicating details about Reunion 2017. As well, I indicated to RTO's from Pictou to Cape Breton,

meeting in their area. Presidents responded, favorably to that! I was fortunate to be invited to the Richmond RTO breakfast meeting, in February. As mentioned in my Presidents Report, 13 PNC/NSTC Grads asked for the packages. I

I carry a supply of registration sheets in my car, should I meet a grad on my travels.

Calls by way of telephone continued throughout this time and are ongoing. I have been working, at the present time, on the 8's lists...completing the '48's (28 interested), 58's, '68's and '78's. Very

Grads are given the scenario.... Memberships, reunions, the association.

We need to update 'Out Of Province' lists for Darren, Joan and Debby, so they can contact these people for 2018. Bob said he would look

We are on Facebook...NSTC, NSTC. Late 80's, NSTC-The Annex and NSTC-1978. Periodically, I post reunion information on these sites, so grads are getting this information. As well, I tell grads to check www.nsteacherscollege.ca. Most do not know we exist!!!

I distributed posters to all area reps, January and February, asking that these be posted in public areas within their rep areas. As well, posters were distributed throughout the Cape Breton Victoria Regional School Board...not all Boards allow

Reps were asked to make inquiries as to newspaper 'free' ads and to place those ads, in their respective areas.

Announcements have been made in 'The Teacher' and the 'Retired Teacher' magazine. Thank you, Bob, for following up on these. We need to get them going through June.

I was delighted to have Ashley MacIsaac, offer to provide a concert at no cost, slated for May 27th, in Truro. Performing with Ashley, will be Jackie Dunn MacIsaac, John Pellerin, Cheryl Reid O'Hagan and The MacKinnon sisters. We have been advertised as proceeds for The Alumni Association and First United Church Restoration

I had posters made and paid for, advertising the concert, here in Port Hawkesbury, at no cost to our association. I distributed posters throughout the Strait area, Antigonish, New Glasgow, Truro (including the high school), Brookfield and Tatamagouche.

The Truro Daily News, did a great job promoting the concert by way of an interview with Ashley, and basically doing a press release for a Saturday edition of their newspaper. As well, The Pictou Advocate offered to publicize the event, at no

The Halifax Herald was not a good idea, at a cost of \$1100 per day!

Margie MacNeil,'69, has been a great advocate for the association, getting updates into the RTO magazine, for Ashley's concert.

Margie MacIntyre is hoping to organize another concert to benefit another church in Truro and the Regarding By-Law 1 Alumni Association of the Nova Scotia Teachers College.

REUNION 2017

Robert Jordan reported there are 137 graduates registered for the reunion, plus a number of spouses, bringing the number registered for the reunion to approximately 160. This is about the same, or a few more than last year.

NOMINATIONS REPORT --- Presented by To:

Alexander (Sandy) MacDougall

The following positions are nearing the end of their term and are due to be filled at this time. The following position is vacant and would normally be filled in August 2018, so if it can be filled now, it would be for a 1-year interim period.

Position

Digby-Clare-Argyle-Yarmouth

Respectfully submitted, Alexander MacDougall, Past-President & Nominating Committee Chair

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

-- Presented by Alexander (Sandy) MacDougall

MOTIONS AND NOTICE OF MOTION --- By Sandy MacDougall

Regarding Article VII Section I

A Notice of Motion has been made in accordance with the Constitution, to amend Article VII Section I to delete "Building Fund" as this is no

Sandy MacDougall moved to accept the Notice of selects recipients. Motion to amend Article VII Section I, as printed in The Voice of Our Alumni Newsletter. Seconded by Robert Jordan. Motion Carried.

Regarding By-Law 10

Sandy MacDougall moved that By-Law 10 be Alumni Association. changed from:

Educational Trust a) The President of the Alumni that to date. Association of the Nova Scotia Teachers College or his/her designate to be the Alumni's trustee of Some of the \$57,000+ is held in accounts that the Nova Scotia Teachers Educational Trust.

To:

10. Nova Scotia Teachers College Educational Trust

a) Alumni Association of the Nova Scotia Teachers College shall encourage members to apply for membership to the Nova Scotia Teachers Educational Trust.

Seconded by Tom Rissesco. Motion carried.

MOTIONS AND NOTICE OF MOTION ---By Robert Jordan

It was moved by Robert Jordan and seconded by Tom Rissesco that By-Law 1 (Membership Fees) be changed from:

1) Full Member Annual	\$25.00
Life Member Annual	\$20.00
Associate Member Annual	\$15.00
Full Member 10 Year	\$187.50
Life Member 10 Year	\$150.00

The fee for Full and Life Memberships be twenty five dollars (\$25.00) per year, or one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for five (5) years. Motion carried.

It was also moved by Robert Jordan and seconded by Tom Rissesco

2) Thread by references to "Life Membership" in Constitution, and By-Laws removed and or changed from the types of reflect memberships, so as to there is only one type of regular membership --Full Membership.

NOVA SCOTIA TEACHERS COLLEGE FOUNDATION UPDATE: By Alexander MacDougall

The NSTC Foundation has the following Purpose, Functions, and Composition:

- Purpose: To administer all scholarships, trusts, and awards of the former Nova Scotia Teachers College; solicit money from both private and public sources to maintain and build scholarship, trust, and award funds.
- Functions: Sends applications to Nova longer a function or necessary committee of the Scotia universities offering teacher education programs, receives applications each year, and
 - * Composition: Not more than 5 Governor appointments; The Minister shall designate one of the members of the Board to be the Chair.

The Foundation is in no way connected to the

10. Nova Scotia Teachers College While the Foundation may solicit funds to

College bear the name of those who donated the initial

funds. In those cases the Foundation endeavours to maintain the integrity of the intent of the original scholarship though that is not possible in some situations. Three of those (McCarthy, Noble, and Mitchell) will likely be taken to a \$0 balance in the next round of disbursements.

Relatively few applications are received each year. The Foundation Directors urge the Alumni Association to spread the word and encourage any Education students who qualify to apply.

The notes that follow go into more detail and are based upon this year's report to the Minister.

NSTC FOUNDATION REPORT -- The following notes are based upon the Annual Report -- 2016 -- 2017 forwarded to the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development in March 2017.

The Nova Scotia Teachers College Foundation (NSTC) was established by an Act of Legislation (Bill 35) which was given Royal Assent on December 3, 1998. The first Board of Directors was appointed in May 2000.

The Nova Scotia Teachers College Foundation was established to administer the scholarships and awards of the former Nova Scotia Teachers College. For 143 years the College prepared teachers for the provinces schools. Many people donated to the scholarship and award funds of the Teachers College to assist student teachers. The Nova Scotia Teachers College Foundation, through its awards, is helping to preserve the memory of the College and honour some of those who contributed to its success

Activities 2016-17

The Board of Directors of the NSTC Foundation met once in the past year, and also shared information via e-mail. The board reviewed the awards and trust funds, prepared applications and information, and selected the award recipients. Information on the awards and the applications were sent to the faculties of education at Nova Scotia universities. Nineteen complete applications were received for the 2016-17 awards.

Awards

The Nova Scotia Teachers College Foundation made eight awards to eligible students. Each award was in the amount of \$500.

2016-17 Award recipients

Maud Elizabeth Roy Bursary Andrea Jeffrey, Dartmouth, NS MSVU

Henry Button Memorial Scholarship Christina Kempster, St. Margaret's Bay NS MSVU

Doyle/Mitchell Memorial Scholarship Hillary Morgan, Port Hastings, NS MSVU

Robert L. Danson Scholarship Christopher Reid, Truro, NS Acadia

DeWolfe/Fortune Memorial Scholarship NS Alexander MacDonald, Herring Cove, MSVU

Elta B. Havey Bursary Brenda MacKinley, Wolfville, NS Acadia

Dr. Hugh Noble Award Laura Sandre, Greely, ON STFX

Ileen Archibald Award Kristy Bryson, Sydney, NS CBU

Completed applications by program

MSVU 12 2 Acadia STFX 1 **CBU** 1

Finances

College Foundation are held by the Department of Finance. As of March 24, 2017, the funds had a total value of over \$57,500.

Board of Directors

John Grant (Enfield, NS) Alexander MacDougall (Halifax, NS) David White (Truro, NS)

AREA REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

DIGBY-CLARE- ARGYL.E- YARMOUTH

We don't have an area rep. for this area, thus there is no report.

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY ---Sue Kent reported for Carla Callegari:

- 1) Carla called 5 different newspapers to request free advertising for the reunion, but unfortunately none were willing to offer a complimentary ad.
- 2) She made copies of the Ashley MacIsaac Union Building.
- 3) She posted information about the concert, and PICTOU-ANTIGONISH-GUYSBOROUGH -the reunion on Facebook and Instagram

KINGS-ANNAPOLIS --- Sue Kent reported for Cindy Perry and Krista Wright

Cindy Perry and Krista Wright are co-area reps. for Kings-Annapolis.

reunion this year due to a previous commitment. She put up a few posters, and posted the information about the 2017 NSTC Reunion that she received from Margie on Facebook.

Sue Kent presented the following report for Anne Marie LeBlanc Krista Wright: Krista's report is as follows:

- Best Western (Glengarry) in Truro, August 2016.
- * She corresponded back and forth with Margie MacIntyre, our president.
- *She received posters general NSTU meetings to hand out posters to school reps. to put up in Annapolis County Schools.
- * She received posters from Margie to advertise the Ashley MacIsaac concert. She put the posters up in various places in the county
- * She sent information regarding Ashley's concert, and Reunion to the Valley Register and the Spectator - Local papers, and to a local news brochure called The Reader.
- * She made a Facebook event advertising the Ashley MacIsaac Concert so all her contacts on Facebook would know about the concert.
- * She tried her best to spread the word to all her TC alumni friends in the area.

CUMBERLAND-COLCHESTER-EAST-**HANTS** ---- Presented by Faye Arnfast

Faye Arnfast reported she has confirmed members The trust funds of the Nova Scotia Teachers on the Nova Scotia Teachers College Facebook group as administrators. She has also assured everyone that the site is for reconnecting and communication only. She contacted grads. from professional development. 1987 (her year) as it is their 30th. reunion this year. She also contacted a fellow graduate - Norma Jean Taylor to contact The Enfield Weekly Press in person when she didn't have a response through email or phone. She contacted Michael Newsletter: Posted an ad in the Local RTO Wilson, who lives in Amherst, to contact the Amherst Paper in person, when she didn't have any response from there as well. She emailed, them to advertise the reunion. She shared information about the reunion and the Ashley MacIsaac concert with the local NSTU Association. She will set up an Instagram account verbally at monthly NSTU Local Meetings

> Faye is also the administrator of the Nova Scotia Teachers College Facebook page. It currently has 720 members, from a variety of years.

locations: Sobeys Millcove, Sobeys Larry Utecht, NSTC. She also noted that the class of 1987, her bership if you cannot attend," was my message. St. Mary's University, and Dalhousie Student class, were the youngest people attending the reunion this year.

- Presented by Kim Grant

Kim Grant reported that she sent out emails to their staff rooms. various NSTC graduates that she had contacts for. She sent out emails through the SRSB to those paper. people she knew who graduated from the NSTC. She shared information about the reunion through social media. She placed a long term ad in the Cindy reported she was unable to attend the local paper early in the Spring, and again in the Summer.

INVVERNESS-RICHMOND --- Presented by

Anne Marie LeBlanc reported that the following * She attended the Annual Meeting at the contacts were made in Inverness County via church bulletins, the Inverness County Branch of the RTO (Retired Teachers Organization), Thanks Margie. The Inverness Oran (local newsreceived posters from Margie to paper), CHET - TV, CKJM Radio Cheticamp, the NSTC Reunion. She attended three Co-op's, two Credit Unions, both pharmacies, several schools, three post offices, Strait Richmond School Board, le Courrier de la Nouvelle - Ecosse, some phone calls, and personal contacts

> Elaine Burke helped as usual by making the following contacts in Richmond County: via church bulletins, CIGO Radio Station, both community TV Channels, and the Reporter (local newspaper) Many thanks to Elaine for her great tance.

NORTHSIDE-VICTORIA-CAPE BRETON --

LUNENBURG-HANTS WEST -Presented By David Kokocki

David Kokocki reported the following activities were used to promote attendance at the NSTC Reunion 2017.

Poster: Posted a poster at the School Board Office where daily, teachers visit to receive

Newspaper: Posted Reunion ad in the online newspaper, South Shore Now.

(Retired Teachers Organization)

Social Media: Posted a Reunion Ad on his called, and went into the Truro Daily News to ask Facebook page, and some of his friends shared the ad.

Local Union Meeting: Promoted the reunion

Face to Face: Spoke to known TC Grads about upcoming Reunion

Registration Forms: Personally gave copies of the registration form to known TC Grads when he Concert poster and put them up in the following She said she is proud to be a graduate of the met them in person. "At least pay yearly mem-

> SHELBURNE-QUEENS---By Margaret Dawe Margaret Dawe reported that she promoted the Reunion in the following ways:

- * She had the NSTU reps place notices in
- * A notice was placed in the VanguardNews-

* She spoke about the Reunion at the RTO meetings in Shelbume and Queens

- * She made some personal phone calls.
- * She also talked about it at two other meetings she attended.

OUT OF PROVINCE ATLANTIC- Presented by Joan Hathaway

TARIO --- Presented by Darren Fancy

in Ontario and Quebec. I also wanted to reach out for a very enjoyable performance, by these two to those alumni on Facebook. I did reach a few very talented girls. They are both 12 years old, and reiterated the importance of the Association, and entering Grade seven this year. Jessalyn is and the need to keep up to date with their contact from Calgary, and was visiting her grandparents information and dues.

I also attended several workshops and meetings in Mr. And Mrs. Kaulbach from British Columbia the GTA, and asked to speak at the end of each gifted the archives with the diary of Mary meeting for a few minutes to ask for any NSTC Kaulbach, a student of the Provincial Normal and Normal College Alumni or anyone who knew School in 1893. They also gave a large picture of silence. Just a note: As one of the last remaining diary gives an excellent account of the Normal colleges to close exclusively for training teachers School days and images of Truro during this in Canada, many were surprised that Nova Scotia period. had even had such a place.

advertisement in the upcoming issue. However at archives. The Little White School House Museum \$0.45 a word this plan was quickly abandoned.

I continued to contact members via Facebook, known contacts, and by phone to promote the membership.

The push to find graduates from the "8" years, It was moved by Margaret Dawe and seconded by and for Reunion 2018 continues.

OUT OF PROVINCE WEST

No report.

LITTLE WHITE SCHOOL HOUSE REPORT Since assuming the role of President, my goal has

-- Presented by Bill Canning

Bill Canning presented the following report for the Association, Alumni Dues and as well, the Little White School House Museum.

the occasion of your 2017 Annual Meeting.

collection of archive material concerning the association to work very hard at all levels, to Provincial Normal School, the Provincial Normal emphasize the importance of our Association, College, and the Nova Scotia Teachers' College. throughout Nova Scotia and beyond. We have on display the setting of an actual one room rural school with all the necessary items In the coming few months, I would appreciate needed to operate a formal education system. The your input, as to how you think we can maintain collection of textbooks and the school related an active association. How can we better advertise material is extensive

Each summer we hire two university students, attendance at our Reunions? I would appreciate They are busy developing our data base, your thoughts, so please email me, or phone me, answering and researching requests, and receiving with any ideas that you may have. We can further the public on a daily basis from 10 am to 5 pm. discuss this, at forthcoming Council meetings. This year we have responded to 35 requests, and welcomed in June, July, and August over 300 August 2016, I began calling graduates in all visitors

outdoor concert based on the theme of the story gratitude from Grads who, for the most part, had Anne of Green Gables. Two children wrote and no idea there was an alumni, so we need to performed their songs from this most famous continue to get the word out there. story. They were in appropriate costumes, and the assembled audience enjoyed the performance.

Collins, if they would perform their play for the would be surprised at the number of people who

OUT OF PROVINCE QUEBEC AND ON- teachers during the Alumni Reunion Weekend. They graciously agreed. A number of teachers This past year I was hoping to call all our alumni gathered at the Little White Schoolhouse Museum in Truro for the summer.

of Alumni to contact me. I was met with total Mary and a copy of her teaching certificate. The

Hopefully, you will take a few minutes of your I did contact our ETFO magazine to place an weekend and visit the schoolhouse and the and the Archives represent and hold your place in the history of education in Nova Scotia.

We are most grateful to the NSTC alumni for your upcoming reunion, and the importance of support and assistance as we strive to fulfill our mission.

> Phyllis Cote to accept the Committee reports and Area Rep. reports as presented. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT -- By Margie MacIntyre

been to educate grads about our Alumni importance of membership. Astonishing, the We are delighted to be able to offer this report on number of Grads who have no idea that we exist, that Alumni Dues are what makes us tick, and believe it or not, some simply do not care, which The Schoolhouse Museum continues to store the is regrettable! We have to continue as an

> what our association is all about? How can we promote an interest to build our membership and

classes ending in '7', in advance of this year's Special events for the summer included an reunion. The response, overall, was one of deep

Disappointment however in the lack of interest from Classes in the 80's and especially the 90's. Bill asked the girls, Lily Fraser and Jessalyn Personally, I don't think cost is a factor, but you resent the thought of paying \$20-25 to maintain a membership. Should we be looking at another

approach, perhaps?

Further, there have been comments stating, 'the reunion is the same every year.' Yes, but how can we change that to suit everyone? A tricky scenario, without spending a few dollars, to add other events etc. Your ideas?

2016, was a great reunion, with 144 in attendance. I am hopeful that attendance will increase our profit this year.

Another year approaching as President. Again, I ask for your initiative to keep our association alive, whether it be distributing posters in your areas, attending NSTU Local meetings or distributing information to NSTU Local reps, sending information to RTO'S in your areas, providing ads for newspapers etc. We need that commitment!

Reps, I thank you for your work this year, to respond to the call! I will be calling on you again, in January, to resume the push to educate our Grads, as to what our association is all about! Are Reps satisfied with the large rep areas to cover? If not, then, how can we better serve those large areas?

In February, I attended the Richmond RTO meeting in Louisdale. 13 retirees, asked for a reunion package at this meeting, which indicated to me, how many more RTO'S do we have with retirees who need to be 'educated' on the Alumni Association of NSTC?'

In June, I attended the meeting of Inverness RTO in Port Hood. A great response to the Alumni Association by our grads!

I would be happy to attend RTO meetings, to speak about the Alumni Association and what is involved.

I must talk about the great work of Bill Canning at the LWSH..wow, so much has been done to enhance the museum, thank you, Bill!

What a wonderful concert on May 27th, 2017, at First United Church, with Ashley MacIsaac. Ashley was most generous to donate his talent to support our Alumni Association and First United Church.

Thank you all, for your effort to make our association tick! Let us continue to work together to make so many others aware of who we are and please, please, keep your membership dues up to date, as well as your contact information, including your address, email and phone num-

It was moved by Margie MacIntyre and conded by Anne Marie LeBlanc to accept the presidents report as presented. Motion carried.

We will enter the church together and sit as a group.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

It was moved by Faye Amfast and seconded by ADJOURNMENT as auditor for the year 2017-2018. Motion Herb Seymour to adjourn the meeting. carried

ELECTION OF OFFICERS --By Sandy MacDougall

Alexander (Sandy) MacDougall conducted the election of officers. The results were as follows:

NEW BUSINESS Reunion 2018

Margie MacIntyre has been busy contacting graduates in the years ending in 8. She has made many contacts, and has a good start for the 2018

Friday evening there will be a tribute to the late Vivian Brand given by the Music Students, who Graduated in 1968. Vivian's daughter Sheila is a graduate of that class. Vivian was a former student of The Provincial Normal College, and later a Music Professor at the Nova Scotia Teachers College.

Thanks to Margie MacIntyre we have a good start on the preparations for the 2018 NSTC Alumni Reunion.

THANK YOU BOB

I would like to say a big thank you to Robert Jordan for attaching a number of the reports to the minutes for me. It has saved me many hours of typing.

LAST MINUTES

These will be my last minutes, as I asked to be replaced after serving 32 years as your secretary. Kelly Ells is replacing me as our new secretary. I will still however be a part of the executive, as I have agreed to be a co-area rep. with Carla Callegari, for Halifax Regional Municipality.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1) There will be a Full Council Meeting following the Annual Meeting.
- 2) Class photos will be taken following the meeting.
- 3) Lunch will be from 12:30 to 1:30.
- 4) There will be a tour of the former Normal College Site, which is now the Colchester Library, at 2:00 pm.
- 5) Maxine Bezanson class of '55 will be at the library between 2-4 pm, to talk about what it was like to be a student at the Normal College in the
- 6) If you bid on any items at the Silent Auction, please pick them up by 4:pm.
- 7) The reception and meet and great will be at 6:00 pm.
- Dinner will be served at 6:30 pm.
- Anyone going to church at First United Church, please gather in the foyer at 10:15 am.

Darren Fancy that we appoint Laureen Rushton It was moved by Margaret Dawe and seconded by

Respectfully submitted,

Sue M. Kent (Secretary)

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF THE NOVA SCOTIA TEACHERS COLLEGE FULL COUNCIL MEETING SATURDAY AUGUST 19, 2017

A short Full Council Meeting was held in Salon E,G of the Best Western (Glengarry) Hotel, following the Annual Meeting. The president Margie MacIntyre conducted the meeting. Others present at the meeting were: Joan Hathaway, Sally Watters Strutynski, Anne Marie LeBlanc, David Kokocki, Margaret Dawe, Faye Arnfast, Darren Fancy, Roberta Journeay, Sandy MacDougall, and Sue Kent.

WELCOME AND COMMENTS

Margie MacIntyre welcomed Sallly Watters Strutynski and Roberta Journeay to the Alumni Council. Sally and Roberta are our two new area reps. They were elected at the Annual Meeting. Sally is our area rep. for Pictou-Antigonish-Guysborough, and Roberta is our area rep. for Digby-Clare-Argyle-Yarmouth.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Margaret Dawe and seconded by Sally Watters Strutynski to adopt the agenda as written

REUNION 2017

The entertainment and reception last night were well attended, and enjoyed by the people who were there. There was a lot of positive comments.

REUNION 2018 ---- AUGUST 17th-19th., 2018 Friday evening the music students of the class of 1968 will pay a tribute to the late Vivian Brand. Vivian's daughter Sheila is a graduate of that class. Vivian was a graduate of the Provincial Normal College, and later became a professor at the NSTC.

Margie MacIntyre has been busy contacting graduates in the years ending in 8. She has made many contacts, and has a good start for the 2018 reunion.

SECRETARIAL HONORARIUM

It was moved by Anne Marie LeBlanc and seconded by Margaret Dawe that we pay an

Honorarium of \$3,000. to Robert Jordan. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report is recorded in the minutes of the Annual Meeting that preceded this meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Committee Reports are recorded in the minutes of the Annual Meeting that preceded this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1) BarbaraFris --- Margie MacIntyre suggested we contact Barbara Fris, a 1977 Music Graduate, to arrange a concert in 2019, or sooner if possible to benefit the Alumni presented. Motion carried.

Association of the NSTC, and a local church. Margie suggested St. James Presbyterian Church.

It was moved by Faye Amfast and seconded by Joan Hathaway to plan a concert by Barbara Fris in 2019 or sooner if it can be arranged. With the proceeds going to the Alumni Association of the NSTC and St. James Presbyterian Church. Motion carried.

- 2) (a) Ideas for forthcoming reunions --- Darren Fancy mentioned that many people suggested we have the reunion every 5 years, rather than every year. It was felt by many in the group that people would lose interest if it was every 5 years.
- (b) Darren Fancy also suggested getting a larger space, so we could move around more easily.
- (c) Darren also suggested we pass out papers asking people for their suggestions. What changes or additions they would like to see happen, or leave it as it is.
- 3) Storage Facility --- We are paying \$1000 a year for the Storage Facility. There is no more word about space to store items in the Library.
- 4) Area Rep Vacancies --- (a) Out-of- Province -West is vacant. There were no nominations or volunteers for this position.
- (b) Shelburn-Queens -- Margaret Dawe said she wouldn't leave this position vacant, but she would like to be replaced. There were no nominations or volunteers, so Margaret will remain as the area rep for Shelburne-Queens until we can find a replacement.

The next Full Council Meeting will be Saturday. October 28th. at Robert Jordan's, at 1:00 pm., 3 North Street, Truro.

Darren Fancy adjourned the meeting at 11:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue M. Kent (Secretary)

since the previous reunion.

Executive Council Meeting October 28, 2017 – 1:00 P.M.

An Executive Council meeting was held at the home of Robert Jordan Saturday, October 28, 2017 at 1:00 P.M. The president Margaret (Margie) MacIntyre conducted the meeting. Others present at the meeting were Faye Arnfast, Anne Marie LeBlanc, Joan Hathaway, Roberta Journeay, Sally Strutynski, David Kokocki, Robert Jordan, Sue Kent and Kelly Ells.

Regrets were received from Margie MacNeil, Krista Wright, Margaret Dawe and Melanie Ballard.

Margie MacIntyre welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked everyone to introduce themselves and the position they have on the Executive Council. Margie also stated that all positions on the Executive had been filled and thanked Bob for hosting the meeting.

Adoption of the Agenda – It was moved by Faye Arnfast and seconded by Anne Marie Le-Blanc to accept the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes – It was moved by Bob Jordan and seconded by David Kokocki to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2017 Full Council Meeting as read. Motion carried.

Old Business

Storage Unit- Margie and Bob went to the storage unit to assess the contents. Most of it was old files and the street banner. Margie and Bob contacted the mayor Bill Mills and discussed the possibility of having a wall at the library for pictures of past presidents of the NSTC and a large plaque. They left it with the mayor to see what could be done. Hopefully there will be more to report at the spring meeting after hearing from the mayor. Margie stated that old files could be housed in her basement. The street banner costs \$600 to put up so it is too costly. The information for the reunion does get put on the new Glengarry rotating digital sign.

Barbara Friss – retired teacher and opera singer who performed at the church service is looking at having a concert at one of the churches in Truro as many former students of the NSTC were a large part of the churches in the past. Looking at 2019 for this concert.

Reunion – Discussion of having reunion every 2 years or 5 years. The reunion paid for itself last year with \$800 surplus, so it is working every year for now.

<u>Postage</u> – We still must use some postage in getting newsletters to people who do not have email or have requested a mailed copy.

<u>Space</u> – Everything at the Reunion next year will be in Salon D/E/G, no smaller space will be used.

Correspondence

Bob had nothing out of the ordinary. It was stated that approximately 16 graduates had passed away

Treasurers Report -

Bob presented the Financial Statement for the Period January 1 to October 25, 2017. He stated that there was a large postage cost this year as he bought stamps before the cost of the stamps went up. The Miscellaneous section was broken down so that we could see that \$7 430.90 was from the Ashley MacIsaac concert.

Committee Reports
President's Report— see President's Message

Publicity Report

Posters have been made and will be distributed in February for posting throughout all rep areas, by all area reps. As well, I will forward the poster to all reps via email and they can print more as needed, or get more from me. We need to plug all avenues...the country stores, Sobey's etc., wherever there is a bulletin board!

This past year, posters were distributed to all schools in Cape Breton courtesy of the kindness of our graduates. I ask all Reps to contact schools in their respective areas to distribute posters. Reps, please contact your school boards.

Reps were given newspapers to contact as to an Alumni announcement. Some were successful. In February 2018, I will again forward newspaper contacts to all Reps, with the intention of making contacts in their respective areas.

I have telephoned/contacted 1948,'58,'68,78,'88 Grads and am presently working on all Grad years ending in '9'. By making contacts early, Grads can make arrangements to allow for attendance at the reunion

Telephone contacts have been well received and appreciated overall.

Membership is 'key' to the success of our association. In my conversation with Grads, I explain the importance of the yearly membership dues and find that many have no idea and are keen to support us. Even if they cannot attend a reunion, their 'dues' are always due, to be an alumnist of NSTC!

Area Reps are vital to the success of the Alumni Association Of NSTC and are encouraged to complete rep duties each year, making themselves known to the Grads in their respective areas. Fortunately, there are many graduates who offer to help, which makes publicizing our organization that much more convenient.

Bob Jordan, Communication, has submitted pictures and details to the RTO Magazine convenor. This year, I have contacted 'The Teacher' convenor and we have been given three free ½ page spaces to advertise our association and reunions. Watch for these in the 'RTO' magazine and 'The Teacher'. I post on various facebook sites...NSTC 1978, Nova Scotia Teachers College, Late 80's, The

Annex

Every few months the post will describe when and where the reunion will take place. As well, when a member of faculty passes away, I post their deaths on these sites.

When needed, Sandy gets updates for the website. I ask Sandy, following our meeting today, to post as soon as convenient for him, the 2018 schedule for access and information.

Last year, I sent a letter to all RTO presidents regarding our association, with the intent for them to read about our association to their members. I will do this again soon, this Fall, once I get the RTO magazine, which will have the new presidents contacts, representing the various districts.

I have contacted the Colchester Historeum and Library (Normal College), as to when our reunions will be held, as well as the Town Of Truro

The Ashley MacIsaac Concert in May of 2017, was huge success, not only for our organization, but also in support of the First United Church. It is wonderful that once again, we as alumnists come back to area churches, not only to worship, but to give back to these churches for the many years of college/church affiliation, which was such a vital part of their spiritual growth as students.

Stay tuned for Barbara Fris In Concert in 2019! The return of worship at the reunion this year, was very well received!

Additionally, the newsletter from the Alumni Association will come out the first week of April. Everything needs to be in by March 1st and things need to be run by Margie and Bob.

Margie MacIntyre 78 - Publicity

Membership Report – the following was submitted by Robert Jordan

	Life	Full	To- tal
Paid2015	41	21	62
Paid2016	101	35	136
Paid2017	119	149	268
Paid2018+	72	27	99

Emails

Full members -488 Life Members-349 Other-20

Total 857

Five years for \$100 will be notice of motion, thus everyone pays the same. Bob moved and Sue Kent seconded.

Constitution – Sandy was not present. Bob went through and made changes and we were given a revised copy of the constitution. We can compare former minutes and the new constitution.

Constitutional amendments:

Each of these would need discussion by Full Council in October and ratification at the General Meeting next August. Here are some rough first drafts at a few possible motions:

Mileage

This would be a new paragraph b) under By-Law 5 (no notice of motion required, but 2/3 of General Meeting required).

b) Any member of Full Council may submit a mileage claim, to be paid at the current provincial rate, for travel to meetings of Executive or Full Council including the Annual Meetings held in conjunction with the Reunion. No more than one claim shall be submitted per vehicle (i,e, If two area reps travel together to a meeting, only one mileage claim can be submitted.)

Membership

Tom Risessco made a suggestion that we said would be followed up on in October. He suggested that those of long service to the Association and the Presidents be honoured with some sort of membership. Emeritus Membership would be a nice term, however, Emeritus means 'retired' and that's not necessarily the case, so there is still the question of terminology but it could be something like:

Article III - Section xx

Membership may be granted by the Association through the Membership Committee upon the recommendation of the Membership Committee and approval of a majority of those members present at an Annual Meeting upon payment of the Annual Membership Fee to:

- a) the President of the Association upon his/her election to that office,
- b) those who have been in the service of the Association as an Area Representative and/or Executive member for 25 years or more,
- c) the founder of the Association (Robert Jordan)
 This would require also an amendment to By-Law

1 to indicate a suggested Fee of \$20 per year or \$80 for 5 years (in line with the new pricing approved today.

Life Memberships

Today the motions that the Annual Meeting passed expunged Life Memberships. However, there are almost 50 10-year Life Memberships still on the books. Today's motions have essentially eliminated them since all reference to them will be removed from the Constitution. I assume the money we hold that represents the remaining years on those memberships (\$870) will be reimbursed with a note of explanation that their Membership no longer exists and asking them to renew as a Full Member at the increased rate. The only other

option would be to add a new clause under membership that acknowledges Life Memberships that currently exist and that those Life Memberships will continue to be recognized.

That of course brings up the matter of those with Life Memberships who do NOT have 10-year memberships - from today's report, it looks like well over 150 of those have paid memberships. Will they continue to pay as Life members (at a reduced rate) or do we need to inform all those people that their Membership category no longer exists and that they now have an increased rate as well? If we continue to recognize their membership at a reduced rate, this also indicates the above-mentioned alteration to the Constitution. Of course, that alteration can't happen until next year, but it can be done then retroactively for the year and for the future.

Reunion 2017 – A report was given by Margie and Bob

Overall the reunion was a success. Usually anything over 110 people attending the reunion and we break even. There was good feedback and fairly good attendance. Margie delivered some chocolates to the Glengarry staff. There was a discussion over people who want to come to the reunion and take part for "free". Next year we will only have one door open to each event and the door will be staffed to alleviate the problem.

Area Rep Reports:

Cumb-Col-East Hants: Faye Arnfast – Nothing new to report.

Inverness- Richmond: Anne Marie LeBlanc – reported she will be speaking at the next RTO. Digby-Clare-Argyle-Yarmouth: Roberta Joumeay – Nothing new to report.

Pictou-Antigonish-Guysborough: Sally Strutynski – Will be getting contact info.

Lunenburg-Hants West: David Kokocki – Nothing new to report.

Sue Kent moved and Joan Hathaway seconded the Committee Reports be accepted. Motion carried.

New Business Constitution

Mileage

In the past mileage had been paid but it was taken out of the constitution due to financial stress. A discussion was held about putting mileage back in the constitution and it was agreed that the cost of gas will be given back perhaps in the form of a gas gift card as opposed to the provincial rate. This will be further discussed at the April meeting.

Membership

Following up on a suggestion made by Tom Risessco at the AGM, he suggested that those of long service to the Association and the Presidents be honoured with some sort of membership. The new terminology was discussed, and the following was decided:

Article 111 – Section xx – Honorary Membership may be granted by the Association through the Membership Committee upon recommendation of the Membership Committee and approval of a majority of those members present at an Annual Meeting to:

The President of the association upon his/ her election to that office

Those who have been in the service of the Association as an Area Rep and/or Executive member for 25 years or more

Life Memberships will remain as is and will be allowed to run their course.

Faye Arnfast moved and Anne Marie LeBlanc seconded the above. Motion carried.

Ticket Sales / Incentive Package

It was discussed that the first 150 people registered for the Reunion would have their name go in for a draw for a Reunion Package Refund (excluding accommodation and membership fees). This would be drawn at the banquet. We will be selling 50/50 tickets at the Reunion. Bob Jordan moved and Faye Amfast seconded the incentive. Motion carried.

Reunion 2018

(see schedule on page 15)

A new option will be added on the reunion 2018 registration sheet. There will now be a "Dance only" choice for \$20 available in hopers of attrascting some people to take part in a least that part of the reunion. There are many grads who live in or close to Truro who may not want to commit to the entire reunion who might come to just the dance.

Margie has contacted grads ending with 8 for upcoming reunion

Positions

Communication Chair - Robert Jordan

Publicity - Margie MacIntyre

Web - Sandy MacDougall

Northside-Victoria-Cape Breton – Margie MacNeil

Colchester Historeum – Hope to do a display for the 2018 Renuion

Council Contact List – Handed out by Bob **Next Meeting** – Saturday, April 28th, 2018, 1:00 p.m. at Bob Jordan's home.

Motion to Adjourn

It was moved by Roberta Journeay and seconded by Sally Strutynski that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Kelly Ells (Secretary)

REMEMBERING THE PAST AND VIEWING THE FUTURE

Saturday afternoon, at the 2017 Teacher's And Normal College Reunion, was a special time at the new Colchester Library. Graduates of many different years visited and saw all the new events that are held at the library. It is truly inspiring to see and hear what is taking place there. Years ago, a library was a place to borrow books or read while there. It was very quiet and no one was to make any noise or talk out loud. What a difference today!

There is a place for every one of all ages, with parents taking little ones for play and activity time. You should see the 'reading nests' for the little ones, a lighted recessed cave to sit in! There are a variety of classes and instruction units for arts and crafts. There are spots for doing computer work and special places for young people to take part. There is also a kitchenette for them to use. There are books for all levels of interest and ages. Quiet rooms are available, too.

Every Normal College and Teacher's College Grad, who visited the library, during reunion weekend 2017, was amazed with the library, but they knew it was the old Administration Building that we had all attended, while at Normal College. What a surprise to see the original walls that were left and the arches and some original windows. The beautiful colored glass windows were made from the original coloured glass windows of the Normal College. They had been painted over and were found when the reconstruction was completed.

There were many stories and remembrances of the days as students at Normal College. Each one remembered the stairs to the third floor. Oh yes, the boys had to use one set of stairs and the girls the other. Some of the things that were remembered were, no slacks for the girls; shirts and ties for the boys; no loud voices; staying in line changing classes; the 'ing, ing, ing' of English class; the plants that actually survived in Biology Lab; the French Club on Thursday evening; Glee Club where we were told 'music is the expression of the soul'; the rules we were to follow when outside of class; places where we were not to go; called 'suitcase teachers', if we went home on a weekend; Institute Night; dances at the A.C; practice teaching which was a joy, especially being supervised! These were some of the things people remembered.

The visit to the Colchester Library was a time of reminisce, to meet grads from other years and to compare our time there and to find out where everyone went after graduation. We found all the things in common and what a great opportunity to have a reunion, so we can keep the value of teaching and teachers alive. A visit to the old Administration Building, now the new Colchester Library, is an event that every grad of Normal College and NSTC should enjoy. Bring your stories and share the memories at the next reunion in 2018!

Maxine Bezanson '55

BARBARA FRIS IN CONCERT....

St. James Presbyterian Church, Truro, May 2019.

More information will follow.

Barbara Fris is a 1977 music grad of NSTC,
who recently retired from the Canadian Opera Company





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info@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

We also need help to locate missing classmates. If you are in contact with former classmates, please ask them to update their contact information with us,so we can maintain their name on the list. Contact Bob Jordan info@nsteacherscollege.ca

In either case, you can also drop us a note to the address on page 19.

Notice of Motion 2018

To be presented at the Annual General Meeting to be held at the 2018 Reunion.

The Executive Council will cause the following changes to the Constitution be moved:

- 1) That a new paragraph b) be added to By -Law 5 a mileage allowance be given to Council members who have to travel more than fifty (50) kilometers consisting of a ten dollar (\$10.00) gas card for each one hundred kilometers (100km) traveled to attend Council, meetings;
- 2) That "10 Year Memberships" in paragraph b) of By-Law 1 be changed to "Long Term Memberships" and that the membership term of members with the former 10 Year Life Memberships continue until the end of their term before renewal:
- 3) Article III, Section IV (Honorary Membership) include a) "Presidents of the Association upon their election to office, b) Those members who have served on the Council Member for twenty (20) or more years;

Reunion 2019

is August 16-18, 2019. If your grad year ends in '9', be sure to contact us, so we can see that you get a reunion package!

Remember, all grad years are welcome each year! Circle the date on your calendar and plan to attend!

HOW ABOUT SHARING YOUR MUSICAL TALENT?

We are always looking for Grads to perform at our reunions. If you can volunteer to perform at a reunion of your choice, please let us know! Entertainment opening night and prior to the banquet each year, is always an added feature to our reunion. We welcome all family members who would share their musical talent, so don't hesitate, please make 'note' and give us a shout!

reunion@nsteacherscollege.ca







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info@nsteacherscollege.ca

You may order 5x7 for \$2.00 or 8x10 prints for \$5.00. Proceeds for the Alumni Association

Friday Night Entertainment—A TRIBUTE TO VIVIAN BRAND



Opening evening, August 17th, of Reunion 2018, we are delighted to have members of the Class of 1968 Music program and fellow musicians from other graduating years of N.S.T.C., to perform in a musical tribute to a lady who not only served her community with much musical talent, but who also served as a much loved Music Professor at N.S.T.C, from 1966-1984. Vivian's daughter, Sheila, a member of the 1968 graduating class, will be in attendance and will perform with the others at this year's reunion. All musicians who benefited from the teaching and guidance of Vivian Brand, are invited to participate in this musical tribute.

Vivian was the 7th of eight daughters born to Emma and Foreman Mossman. Her sea-captain father died when she was only eight years of age. As a result sisters and Mother Em were a closely knit group often singing and harmonizing around the piano. (Stephen Foster was a particular favourite.) They sang at chores, out on the Bay, at church and concerts where Vivian was often the "star" and could play anything "by ear" which frustrated some of her teachers years later at the Nova Scotia Teacher's College.

A bit of a "free spirit"as a teenager, she was however particularly patient and skillful with younger children, which she carried into her teaching career. After graduating from the Nova Scotia Teacher's College, Vivian taught in Port Mutton near Liverpool where she met her husband to be, George Brand. They moved with his work to Bedford, Sydney and eventually New Glasgow.

She touched the lives of hundreds of students in the New Glasgow schools. Her group of teenage girl singers, The Trbelettes, had a level of musicality, tone and blend on a par with adult choirs internationally and performed at Expo 67 in Montreal. There was music wherever Vivian was in contact with young people. She had an innate ability to draw talent out of youngsters and music teachers to be and made sure they enjoyed themselves in the process!

During an interview for a music teaching job in Toronto, her daughter Sheila was asked if Vivian Brand was any relation! She of course replied that Vivian was her mother. The interviewing consultant said, "OH my goodness! I was offered your mother's job in New Glasgow when she was asked to teach at NSTC. I turned it down because it was the work of four people and the pay was

Vivian continued her outpouring of talent and passion towards educating music specialists at NSTC. There were days when brains were oversaturated with the immense amount of creative ideas being jettisoned across the classroom! Her energy extended to teaching privately in Truro, doing concerts and putting on musicals at NSTC.

She was also instrumental on more than one occasion, in getting jobs for talented young teachers, when they really needed a job! Ron Murdock, singer, teacher and writer, remembered her this way. "I remember Vivian once telling me that teachers had to love their pupils and to love teaching if they were going to be any good at their job. Vivian loved us all and instilled her joy of music and singing in all who studied with her. That is her lasting legacy and her spirit continues in those who carry on her work in our own singing and teaching."

♦ Reunion 2018 Schedule of Activities ♦ ♦

<u>Friday, August 17</u> in Salon DEG (All at the Best Western Glengarry, Truro)

6:00 – 8:00 pm – **Registration** (Registration will also take place Saturday moming from 9:00 am to 11:00 am – same location)

7 - 7:30 pm- Music with Class of '68 Music Grads

7:30 pm - Official Opening of Reunion 2018 - Guest Speaker - Mary K. Connolly '68

8:00 pm - Faculty/Staff Tribute - A great time to thank those who helped us through our years at NSNC/NSTC.

8:30 – 9:00 pm - Musical Tribute by Class of 1968, to the late Vivian Brand, music professor at NSTC, 1966-1984

9:00 pm - Institute Night/Tunes & Tankards/Coffee House. - Mix and mingle, share your musical talent, a skit perhaps and perform just like the good old days! If you have a talent/instrument to share, bring it along. This is your night to shine...a gain!!!

Friday notes:

No supper provided on site on Friday.

Friday evening activities are all at the Best Western Glengarry Hotel

Cash bar available for Friday evening events.

<u>Saturday, August 18</u> (All at the Best Western Glengarry, except as noted)

Breakfast (see note below regarding Saturday and Sunday breakfasts)

9:00 am - Annual Business Meeting in Salon EG - Get up to date on all aspects of the Alumni Association!

10:30 am – Executive Meeting following Annual Meeting Silent Auction - Don't forget to drop by the Little White Schoolhouse to bid on your favorite items!!

11:30 am – Class photos in MacLeod Room –. All Alumni registered to attend the Reunion are welcome to participate in class photos. Photos will feature honored years, executive, those who taught in a one-room schoolhouse, and "other" years - so everyone gets in at least one photo!

12:30-2:00 pm - Lunch - in Salon D (or on your own)

Afternoon

Plan an activity with your Grad Class; visit the Truro Farmer's Market; Tour the old Normal College Site, now the Colchester Library from 2 to 5 pm & meet a Normal College Grad at the library to find out what it was like to be a student in the good old days at the Normal College; stroll through Truro's beautiful Victoria Park; shop downtown and at the Truro Mall; visit downtown Truro & enjoy the many *Blueberry Festival* activities; see Margie if you'd like a drive around the

Truro area.

2:00 pm – Tour the former NSTC campus

Evening in Salon DEG

6:00 pm - Reception & Social. Music by Class of '68 Music Grads.

6:30 pm – **Dinner and Awards** at Best Western Glengarry

9:00 pm - Dance -. Dance to Jim Aylward '91 and his band Sweet Revenge. This is bound to be a great time with fun for all!

Don't miss it!

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 organizing committee who will be glad to help.

Cash bar available for the Social, Dinner and into the evening.

Sunday, August 19

Church Service - At *Immaculate Conception*, Truro, Mass time to be determined. We will sit as a group at the church, meeting in the foyer.

Special Notes

Special Draw – The first 150 registrations will be entered in a draw for the refund of your <u>Registration Package fees</u> (excluding membership).

Silent Auction - The silent auction will be setting up in the Little White Schoolhouse on Friday. Drop off your donation items for the auction – don't forget to visit on Saturday to bid on your favorite items!! Drop off Friday 10 AM-5 PM and Saturday 10 AM. Pick-up Saturday between 4 & 5 PM.

Saturday and Sunday Breakfast – On you own - except for those staying at the Best Western Glengarry, breakfast is included in your room price.

A block of rooms at the *Best Western Glengarry* has been reserved for Alumni. The cost is \$135.99 per night for up to two people (plus \$10/person for additional occupants) and requires advanced registration before July 18, 2018. Please book directly by calling 800-567-4276 or 902-893-4311. Hot breakfast is included with each night's stay.

Entrance to <u>ANY Reunion activity</u> is by appropriate ticket or name badge only.

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 preregistering.

Best Western Glengarry

Special Reunion Weekend Rate

\$125.99 /night for 1 person \$135.99 /night for 2 people Full hot breakfast included.



Booking must be made by July 18, 2018 Quote "Alumni Reunion" to get the special price Make reservations directly—all prices + tax 902-893-4311 or 1-800-567-4276 Send any births, deaths, memoriams, wedding news, anniversaries, any stories, to me, Margie MacIntyre, email info@nsteacherscollege.ca or reuon@nsteacherscollege.ca

To connect with Bob Jordan, email reunion@nsteacherscollege.ca or Alumni-NSTC@uniserve.com Contact Bob to update your membership.If you have a change in address and or email address, please in form Bob Jordan. Phone numbers are important as well!

Connect on Facebook with your friends, send messages, keep friends informed. Visit us on facebook: Nova Scotia Teachers College (NSTC); NSTC Late 80's and Friends; NSTC--The Annex. Often, grads will search for friends on these social media sites.

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Greetings from the Little White Schoolhouse Museum

The LWSM will be open this summer from June 1 to August 31, Tuesday to Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm. Please note the change from previous years in the days of operation. Why not plan to visit your museum, and encourage your family and friends to do so.

The LWSM, in collaboration with the Colchester Historical Society, was presenting its annual Dawson Lecture at the Colchester Historeum (29 Young St., Truro) on Thursday, March 22 at 7:30 pm. Dr. John N. Grant presented *Gems of Remembrance: The Normal' Autograph Books of Ermina Downie, Richard Woodland, Madeline Hines, and Annie Black, 1878-1929*. This got postponed due to weather conditions that evening.

As you will know from a lumni meetings and previous newsletters, the LWSM is the repository of artifacts and records related to the a lumni of the NSTC, NSNC, PNC, and PNS. The museum receives many requests for information related to these records and artifacts from a lumni and their families. Remember the LWSM is your source of information.

Following the receipt of monies from the Alumni Association building fund, the museum began a project to make your year-books accessible online on its website. Currently, you can view the yearbooks for years ending in a 6 or 7 at http://littlewhiteschool.ca/yearbooks/. This is an ongoing project for which the museum will get help from the NSCC students this spring, at which time many more yearbooks will be uploaded. If anyone has a copy of the following yearbooks that can be donated to the museum, please contact davidwmckillop@gnail.com or phone (902) 895-7626: 1949, 1950,1959, 1971, 1972, 1975, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, and 1983. If you donate a yearbook, you will receive an electronic version on a thumb drive once the scanning has been completed.

The LWSM hopes to see many of you at your reunion in August.

During the summer months, June, July, and August we are open Monday to Friday from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. At other times an appointment can be arranged by calling **902.895.5902**. The museum number is **902.895.5170**. We check voice mail once a week.

The museum is open each Tuesday morning from 9:30 am to 11:30 am.

Our email address is: littlewhiteschoolmuseum@belalaint.com





Mary Kathleen was born at the home of her grandparents in Canso, Nova Scotia on October 6, 1947, daughter to Donald Alexander and Kathleen Elizabeth (Burns) Connolly. Minutes after her birth, she was joined by twin sister Margaret Elaine. The twins, along with brothers, John and Kevin were raised in the idyllic country community of Guysborough Intervale and the busy (at that time) fishing community of Canso

Mary began her school days in the one room school in Guysborough Intervale, with her mother as teacher. She then received her grades 3, 4, 5 and 7 in Canso School and Grade 6 in Sheet Harbour, Halifax County before moving back to the Intervale to attend Guysborough Municipal High School from where she graduated in 1966. Following in her mother's footsteps and influenced by her Home Economics teacher, Elizabeth MacDonald, Mary decided on a career in Education and enrolled in the two year Home Economics program at the Nova Scotia Teachers College in Truro from where she received her Teaching Diploma in Home Economics (1968). Interspersed with years in the classroom or workforce. Mary went on to complete a Bachelor of

Science in Home Economics at Mount Saint Vincent University (1972); a Bachelor of Education (Elementary) from St. Francis Xavier University (1977); and a Master of Education (Administration) from Saint Francis Xavier University (1996). As well, Mary completed various course work in technology, adult education, and administration from University of Alberta, Aurora College, NWT and the 2 year Principal Certification program with the Department of Education NWT.

Mary's career as an educator began in Antigonish, where she taught Grade 7–12 Home Economics under the mentorship of Sister Faustina Grant and Principal John Hugh Gillis. From there she followed her dream to "go North" and spent an exciting and challenging twenty– five years (in total) as teacher, consultant, coordinator and principal in both the school and college systems of the Northwest Territories in the "land of the midnight sun". Sensing the need and desire to return home to aging parents, Mary left the north for a time and returned to the Guysborough area where she decided to put her management and cooking skills to work. She purchased and reopened the Grant's Hotel in Guysborough. Not to sit idle in quiet times she did substitute teaching throughout Guysborough County; worked as an assistant probation officer, instructed a course for the Nova Scotia Community College and later accepted a term teaching position in Judique, CB.

Throughout her career, Mary actively lobbied for the betterment of work conditions for both teachers and students. She represented the Northwest and Yukon Territories on the Board of Directors, Canadian Home Economics Association; was local representative to the Northwest Territories Association, liaised with government, personnel, Indigenous leaders, and community groups. Mary spent countless hours on curriculum development in association with the NWT Department of Education.

Mary was honoured to be nominated for the NWT Good Woman Award and gratefully received the Canada's Outstanding Principals' Award in 2007.

In retirement, Mary continues to be active in community life. During the winter, Mary curls a minimum of three games weekly and volunteers at the local curling club. She is long standing Chair of the Board of Directors for Mulgrave Road Theatre, www.mulgraveroad.ca, Mary is also active in promoting a healthy lifestyle with Seed Nutrition, www.myrainlife.com/marykconnolly she is actively involved with St. Patrick's Parish. As well, Mary provides custodial care to patients on an as needed basis at Guysborough Memorial Hospital. Mary continues to keep busy and enjoy life!

THE DAWSON LECTURE

Thursday, May 3,2018, at the Colchester Historeum at 7:30pm.

Until they were replaced by school and university yearbooks, autograph books were a popular device for the storage of memories. Dr. John Grant's paper is based on an examination of the autograph books of four students who attended the Normal School in the fifty years between 1878 and 1929.

The paper considers the autograph book entries within the social mores of their time and how they reflect changing public attitudes during a period of political and social upheaval. This lecture originally scheduled for March, was cancelled due to inclement weather. We are pleased that Dr. Grant could reschedule this lecture.

On Memoriam

1930's

Bent, Edith 'Foster'... '33
Barteaux, Constance Lauretta 'Graham'... '36
MacIntyre, Alice Elizabeth 'Donahue'... '36... Age 100
Elliott, Helen Louise 'Bishop'... '37
MacPherson, Ethel... '37
Wallis, Alice Christene 'MacLeod'... '38... Age 100
Calder, Marion 'Wark'... '39
Fitt, Christina 'Grant'... '39
MacKay, Catherine Mary 'Wilson'... '39

1940's

Works, Nancy Catherine 'McNutt'...'40 Rideout, Phyllis Alberta 'Commins'... '40 Janetta Naomi 'Hawkesworth' ... '41 Johnston, Agnes Scott 'Fraser' ... '41 Campbell, Sister Mary Rita (Sister St. Josepha)...'42 Fitch, Freda Georgina 'Bishop' 'Cook'... '42 MacNeill, Helen Louise 'Lachowiez'... '42 Streatch, Dorothy Mae 'Isenor'...'42 Cook, Audrey Myrtle ' Hebb'... '43 Tutty, Barbara Ellen 'Brittain'... '43 Burrows, Eunice Mildred 'Pulsifer'...'44 Kennedy, Catherine Marie 'MacNeil' ... '45 Lewis, Theresa Alexandra..'45 Colpitts, Mary P. ... '46 Conrad, Marion Victoria...'46 Hannon, Rita Agnes...'46 MacLellan, Sister Rita...46 McClare, Dorothy Pearl 'Dimmock'...'46 Nicholson, Mabel 'Bentick' ... '47 Wallace, Anastasia.. '47 MacRitchie, Kenneth...'47 MacDonald, Donald Archibald... '48 MacDonald, Marie Evelyn 'MacIntyre'...'48 Benjamin, Thelma Anne 'Langille'... '49 Langille, Reta Mae 'Putnam' ...'49

1950's

Atkinson, Doris 'Brown' ... '51 Johnson, Constance M. 'MacMillan'...'51 Czapalay, Stephen...'52 LeBlanc, Lea Marie 'Pothier'...'52 Allen, George Ross... '53 Atkinson, Rhoda Mae 'Nickerson'...'53 Goreham, Nora Lynette...'53 Phelan, Phyllis 'MacNaughton'...'53 Hilchie, Shirley Maxine 'Goodwin'...'54 MacKay, Ruth Evelyn 'Archibald' ... '54 Peppard, Marjorie Evelyn...'54 Reeves, Bettylu Mabel 'Russell'...'54 Kennedy, Maria 'Hall'...'55 Younker, Gloria 'Guest' ... '55 Ballantyne, Margaret Jean 'Baxter'...'56 Moser, Joyce Edwina 'Boudreau'...'56 Rissesco, Ida Mae 'Vaughan'...'56 Loomer, Ruby Marlene 'Carey'...'57 Reddick, Elizabeth...'58

FACULTY AND STAFF

Allen, George Ross...Professor Of Industrial Arts, 1974-- 1989
Bakeeff, Alexis Andre...Professor Of Mathematics, 1977-1988
Buchanan, June Anne... Professor Of Art and Psychology, 1991-1995
Marchant, Ethel 'Longley'...PNC Grad and Professor Of Physical Education
Hernandez, Fernando..Food Services Manager
MacDonald, Margaret Carolyn...Bookstore Manager Of NSTC

1960's

Hambrick, Shirley Anne 'Dean'... '60 Marshall, Luelle Amelia 'Hicks'...'61 MacKenzie, John Archie...'61 Olson, M. Yvonne 'Chiasson'...'61 MacBurnie, Sharon Elaine...'64 Sanford, Robert Wayland...'64 MacDonald, Shirley 'Coll'...'66 Sawler, Bonnie 'Raymer'...'67 Shebib, Robert Andrew...'67

1970's

Kennedy, Mike...'70
Benoit, Maria 'Joosten'...'70
Bruce, Deborah Ann 'Ludlow'...'73
Stillwell, Glendon Owen...'74
Fillmore, Grant T. ... '76
Henwood, Cathy... '76
Lamey, Phyllis Irene 'Muise'... '76
Rutledge, Lillian Jane 'Wagner'...'78
MacDonald, Elizabeth 'Watts'... '78
McDonald, Rebecca Mae...'79

1990's

Ferguson, William...95

YEARS NOT KNOWN

Aucoin, Mary Ball, Helen Winnifred Beaton, Mary Adeline Brown, Effie 'Carter' Byers, Walter Conrad Coady, Clarke-Webber, Anne Dean, Sharon 'Adams' Deveau, Anna Lucille 'LeBlanc' Dolomont, Joseph James Dulong, Roy Dwyer, Lloyd Comelius 'Father Lloyd' Gillis, Catherine Louise 'MacDonald' LeBlanc, Lillian 'd'Entremont' Mailman, Yvonne Morrison, Marion 'MacIsaac' MacDonald, Theresa MacDougall, Frances Ann MacMillan, Constance Pottier, Josephine 'Thibault' Veniot, Doris Marie 'Whitman'

POSTER PALS

If you can be responsible to post posters in your area about an upcoming Reunion, please contact info@nsteacherscollege.ca

PHONE CONTACT

If you could help to reconnect with Grads, please contact info@nsteacherscollege.ca

Seton Hall Project

The Seton Hall book was started by Peggy 'Johnston' Ouellette, Class of '57, a few years ago. Unfortunately, Peggy is unable to continue with this work.

If you were a resident of Seton Hall during your stay in Truro and would like to complete this very worthwhile project, please contact Margie MacIntyre for further details.

A special thank you to Peggy for her interest and initiative to reflect on Seton Hall memories

MEMBERSHIP

Please support your Alumni Association. Membership Dues are due each year, at \$25.00 per year or \$100.00 for 5 years. As you can imagine, costs are phenomenal to have reunions, postage, and publish newsletters, just to name a few. Without the generous support of our Alumni, we could not exist. Simply contact Bob Jordan, membership convenor, to get your name on our contact/ mailing list.

By mail: Alumni Association Of NSTC,

P.O. Box 25005, Truro, N.S. B2N 7B8. You can also e-transfer dues to: alumni-nstc@uniserve.com.

Please plan to become an Alumnist of NSTC!

Your support is greatly appreciated!

Nominations for Offices for Alumni Association of NSTC

The following will be 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 18, 2018. Those currently hold a position will be contacted to determine if they wish to be considered for another term. Term of office is two years.

Office

President

Vice-President

Area Representatives

Kings-Annapolis

Digby, Clare-Argyle, Yarmouth

Halifax Regional Municipality

Cumberland-Colchester-East Hants

Northside Victoria-Cape Breton

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

Nomination Committee Alumni Association of NSTC

PO BOX 25005 Truro NS B2N 7B8

Reunion 2017 Awards

Oldest Graduate

Helen Miller '44

Furthest Traveled

Eleanor Giesbrecht '87, Lisa Mason '87, Diane Harris 87 and Ken & Carolyn Abramson '63, from British Columbia

Class Attendance Award

Class of 1967 with members

Special Class Attendance

Class of 1947- Alex Bannerman, Caroline d'Entremont, Ruth Durrant, Frances Eileen' Muise & Velma Redden

2017 Attendance Summary

"Honoured Years"

Reunion 2017 Attendance

40's 4	
47's 5	
50's 13	
57's 27	
60's 7	
67's 47	
70's 6	
77's 12	
80's 3	
87's 13	

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Nomination Form

Offices and Area Representatives that become vacant this year are listed on the back of this form (see page 13). All positions are for a term of two years.

I hereby nominate	of the class of	
for the Area Representative for		
<u>or</u> Office of	for the term of office 2018.	
Signed:	Class:	
Name (print):	Date:	

This form may be mailed to the address on **page 13** or passed to the Secretary up to, and including, the Annual Meeting on August 18, 2018.