



# The Academy Scribbler

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

John Harker

The last time I wrote in the *Scribbler*, I mentioned our commitment to ensuring that the Academy, your Academy, continues to be a place where old memories are cherished and new ones created.

That was certainly how we all enjoyed the official opening this summer of the re-located South Shore Regional Library, now fully at home in its beautiful new quarters on the ground floor of the Academy.

Talk about creating new memories! The Library staff took a group of children up to the third floor, for a story-time adventure. The chosen story was all about a violin, and a young violinist. LAMP, which occupies the third floor, kindly provided a violinist to accompany the story and later show the instrument to the children. They were enthralled; memories were being created.

This is your Academy at work. The Foundation will continue to foster the fullest use of the Academy, renovated to the best of standards. You deserve it, the building does too!

## PROPERTY REPORT

Allan Richards – Class of 1972

It's been a very busy year on Gallows Hill as our Academy continues on its path of restoration, revitalization and transformation. Phase one of the exterior restoration was completed in May and three sides are now completely refurbished to their original state. As you can see from the picture taken from the west side, there's no more peeling paint! The \$2.3 million dollar partnership of the federal and provincial governments, the Town of Lunenburg, and the \$200,000 contribution from your Academy Foundation ensured this successful outcome.

Another milestone in our journey was realized in July when the town library moved into their new space on the first floor and we once again became a public building, accessible to all. The official opening was well attended on a sunny afternoon and residents and visitors were suitably impressed with the new space that maintained the feel of our Academy classroom experience.

Finally, as we near the end of the year the Foundation has undertaken several infrastructure projects needing attention. A generous anonymous donation will allow us to replace a very old furnace boiler which broke down last winter, repair a persistent tower leak in the front of the building and initiate additional security upgrades to better protect the building.

Plans are underway in the New Year to hopefully complete the east side (front) restoration. The Town has also commissioned and approved a concept plan to refurbish the grounds around the building. The major change will be for the parking lot currently on the east side of the building to be relocated and expanded to the south side, entering from Unity Lane. The east side will become an open public pedestrian space where residents and visitors can truly appreciate the front of the building, with no vehicles to mar the experience.

Finally, the Foundation has initiated a request for proposals for the redevelopment of the three remaining classrooms on the first floor, one of which will be an interpretive classroom which will tell our story to the many visitors who come to the Academy every year.

Given all this good news I think it's fair to say we are continuing to meet our mission - "The care, preservation and restoration of this National Historic Site."

## FUNDRAISING REPORT

Tom Hayes – Committee Chair

Since its creation in 1981, the Lunenburg Academy Foundation has been generously supported by many alumni and friends allowing the Foundation to carry on with its vital mission. As mentioned in the preceding Property report, significant financial support in the hundreds of thousands of dollars from the Foundation has been directed to a number of important initiatives at the Academy in recent years, including but not limited to roof repairs, restoration of three sides of the building exterior, and upgrades to the heating system. However, there remains much work to be done including finishing the eastside exterior of the Academy, the redevelopment of first floor classrooms and parking and landscaping upgrades.

In recent years all levels of government have also been generous in their support of the various Academy restoration projects. We acknowledge and thank them for their support. As a Foundation we continue to explore ways to leverage additional government funding for the remaining projects outlined here. As these discussions take place, it is obvious the Foundation itself will be expected to continue to play a major role in financially supporting these ongoing projects. To that end, the Foundation will be launching a major fundraising campaign in the spring of 2019 directed towards alumni, friends, and corporate donors. We will be announcing our campaign goal after further consultation with some key potential donors, and it is fair to say that this will be the largest fundraising effort undertaken by the Foundation to date. More details to come early next year, so stay tuned!

Of course many of our readers like to make an annual donation in December of each year and your continued support in this fashion again this year will be most appreciated.

### Opening Day at the Library

After a lot of hard work, and with great help from members of the Academy Foundation, the Town of Lunenburg, and the public, July 28th, 2018 marked an historic moment for South Shore Public Libraries - it was the Grand Opening of the Lunenburg branch at its new location in the Lunenburg Academy!

The official opening ceremony included politicians from all levels of government commemorating the building and the occasion, and inviting everyone to enjoy the new space. Foundation President John Harker and local children led the ceremonial ribbon cutting, and after that, the 400+ people in attendance were welcomed inside to see and use the Library on its first official day of business in the Lunenburg Academy.



**Lunenburg Mayor Rachel Bailey helps cut the ribbon to open the new Lunenburg public library.**

Everyone eagerly went inside to explore the various rooms, new collections, and updated interiors. Dedications to prominent Lunenburger Solomon Morash, who led the construction of the Academy, and to William Rou  , architect of the Bluenose, concluded the formal ceremonies.

We were very excited that so many people came out for our Grand Opening! We were also thrilled that comments about the space were overwhelmingly positive, and that people loved the updated modern feel of the library that also honoured and complemented the heritage and history of the beloved building. We thank everyone for coming to the opening, we thank our partners for their help in making this move a reality, and we look forward to giving the people of Lunenburg the best library service in this fantastic location for a long time to come.

## ALUMNI REPORT

Roxanna Lohnes Smith – Class of 1959

**Donald Hebb**, Class of '39, wrote in 2005, "Memories of Lunenburg and school are all happy ones." It is great to know that so many were touched by the same magic wand.

We were blessed to have had good teachers, a magnificent school building and surrounding grounds, high above the Town.

The *Sea Gull* played a prominent part in our education. I remember the first of the year we were told who to interview and out we went into Town to interview. My year 1959 *Sea Gull* was dedicated to **Capt. Angus Walters**, Captain of the original Bluenose. **Carolyn Tanner Chenhall '59** and I were Co-Editors so we made several visits to the Lunenburg Dairy where Capt. Angus spun stories and fed us chocolate milk.

**Terry Conrad '72** had the idea to digitize copies as they contained history of Lunenburg and surrounding areas. They now appear on our website, [www.lunenburgacademyfoundation.com](http://www.lunenburgacademyfoundation.com), where you can tap into memories of former schooldays.

We are pleased to have a new Board, composed of members with different backgrounds of expertise. Our main goal is the preservation of the Academy. A capital campaign will be launched in the New Year. For those of you who contributed in the past, we look forward to your support in the future. We need your support to ensure we live up to our motto, "We'll never let the old school down."

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### ALUMNI NEWS

(Bold indicates alumnus)

**1953 Gilbert Berringer** visited Lunenburg to show off his hometown to his youngest daughter and her family, including two grandsons. They enjoyed Gibby's walk down memory land, all his own haunts and the seafood.

**1955 Nancy Zinck Court** is proud of her grandchildren's accomplishments. Her son Michael's eldest daughter, Laura, was coxswain for U23 Canadian rowing heavy Women's Canadian 8 team for the past two years. They won gold in Bulgaria, where they not only captured the World Championship but also set a world record. They then added a World Championship in Poland. Laura, who graduates this year, was voted female Athlete of the Year at Brock University. Sam played hockey in high school, and his Saint FX University team won Atlantic championship for men; they will also race in the Canadian Championships. He sailed many summers at the Lunenburg Yacht Club. Sarah is captain of the school field hockey team, which competed in Vancouver.

**1955 Sandra Corkum Veenstra** wants to tell us how much fun it is to follow the news stream on Facebook. She says, "I recommend it; especially if you live elsewhere now."

**1957 Loren Allen** had a 38-year career in the Public Service of Canada, working mainly in the employment Insurance programme. He held various positions, including office

manager, and retired as the Nova Scotia regional chief of EI adjudication. Following retirement, he volunteered for 20 years on a part time basis with his local parish, raising funds for various initiatives. At age 80, Lorne is fully retired. Lorne and wife Sheila enjoy travelling, which includes visits to family and vacations to southern Portugal and Florida. Their daughter is an oil refinery chemical engineer unit supervisor and their son is a school board mathematics consultant.

**1958 Anthony Cook** was determined to follow a career in science so he enrolled at Acadia University and graduated with a BSc in Physics. Brother **Jeffery '51**, an architectural professor at the University of Arizona, suggested that he enroll at the new Architectural School opening at Nova Scotia Technical College. After a summer spent on a scientific cruise with the Atlantic Oceanographic Group, he decided that life on the ocean wasn't for him. Seasickness is not pleasant, so he enrolled at NS Tech. It is ironic that sailing has become his favourite sport. His sailboat has a much different motion than the HMCS Sackville. He never regretted this career decision.

**1959 Everett Mason** and wife Doris have moved back to Lunenburg after living in Blue Rocks for 49 years.

**1960 Winston Ernst** and wife headed off to South Africa in November 2017, taking in a safari and cruise.

**1962 Dianne Lohnes** has fond memories of running up Gallows Hill, trying to get to her classes before Sidney Knickle stopped ringing the bell. When the bell stopped you were late and had to stand in the corner.

**1965 Michael Pittman** and wife Izilda are proud of their son Alex who, despite losing his sight to a disease 5 years ago, is part owner and general manager of Mikiz Pitt Stop, a unique business on Victoria Road that combines a multi-level car wash, dog wash and "Chill and Grill" restaurant.

**1966 Jane Ritcey-Moore** informs us that the Lunenburg School of the Arts is offering workshops led by professional art educators and working artists. Small and intimate class sizes encourage exploration, discovery and development of skills and ideas, in a wide variety of mediums.

**1972 Nancy Lohnes** is enjoying retirement after 30 years of owning and operating Magnolia's Grill. Opened on June 15, 1988, patrons came from all over the world.

**1974 Jane Parks Hall** retired in April after 43 years of service at Harbour View Haven.

**1974 Peggy Rudolf White** and her husband are enjoying life as retirees in sunny Florida with guest rooms for friends! Her son Peter and wife Darelle reside outside of Philadelphia. Peter is a MRI x-ray technologist and Darelle (BSc) is a registered nurse completing the clinical aspects to receive her Nurse Practitioner degree. Her eldest daughter Tiffany (BSc) received her Master's of Public Administration (MPA) and is working for health/safety New York. Her youngest daughter Shannon successfully defended her thesis and is looking forward to receiving her doctorate. She and her fiancé, Dr. David Claire, who is originally from Liverpool, England, are looking forward to a wedding at "The Camp" on First Peninsula.

**1976 Peter Zwicker** is currently working on photography for a book on Black Loyalist Heritage. He is also working on contract with a French company photographing high end homes for Airbnb. Peter has been invited as a guest speaker for the Annual Meeting of the Atlantic Region Professional Photographers of Canada in Fredericton in November. Peter and his wife Penny visited Scotland for a photo workshop and general sightseeing.

**1978 Ronnie Bachman** retired from Michelin Tire in Bridgewater after 37 years and enjoys working part-time at Lunenburg Hardware. He is also a town councillor and a board member for the Lunenburg Academy Foundation.

**1979 Marlene Burns McCluskey** retired January 1, 2018, from the Workers Compensation Board of Nova Scotia, after 30 dedicated years of helping to reduce the impact of workplace injury in this province.

Dr. Colin Hebb, oldest son of Glen and **Marilyn Witherall Hebb '80**, completed his Family Medicine residency in 2017 after completing his Medical Degree in 2015. He is now working as a Family Physician in Halifax.

**1981 Shelah Allen**, Travel Lunenburg / Lunenburg Walking Tours co-owner, learned the true meaning of coming full circle in June when she and business partner Ashlee Feener moved their office into her old grade-four classroom. Her home-room teacher that year was Dorothea Hynick, a woman she remembers fondly, as she does her time going to school in The Castle on the Hill. "Visitors are so enamored with this treasure of a building," she said. Being able to add personal stories to the history and architectural details she and the other guides share on tour deepens the visitor experience. She is also excited that the addition of the library to the building ensures public access to the interior. The Essential Lunenburg Tour, which runs twice daily, June through October, and by appointment through the year, starts outside the Academy and takes an all-down-hill route from Gallows Hill. The Haunted Lunenburg Tour ends in Hillcrest Cemetery, near the Academy, which she says looks perfect for a ghost tour, wrapped in a little Lunenburg mist. Website: [lunenburgwalkingtours.com](http://lunenburgwalkingtours.com)

**1986 Kris Bailly** reports son, Andrew, was Head Race Coach at the Lunenburg Yacht Club during University days. He represented Canada in the 420 Class in Ireland and son Evan represented Canada Opti class in Wales. He started coaching this year at the Lunenburg Yacht Club.

**1987 Jamie Myra** was the winner of the Bluenose Golf Championship at Lunenburg Golf Club three consecutive seasons. He was appointed President of the South Shore Minor Hockey Association. Stan's Dad & Lad store won first in Lunenburg Queens Business Excellence Small Business Award for 2017. Jamie is the manager and son of the present owner, Jim Myra.

**1990 Kevin Chisholm** and **Jackie Lee Myra Chishom '92** announced that son **Ben** has been accepted into the Biology program at Acadia University. His soccer team won regionals.

**1991 Denise Green** has been appointed Executive Director of Advancement for Mount Saint Vincent University. She joins the Mount from United Way of Canada.

**1991 Tracey Hartling's** son Max and the UNB Reds baseball team placed 2nd to McGill at the Canadian University World Series. He's in his 2nd year of Electrical Engineering. Daughter Amy is in her 1st year at Dalhousie studying for a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She made the Dal Varsity Swim Team. Daughter Mia, a Grade 11 student at Parkview Education Centre, is on the Division 1 volleyball team, teaching swimming and volunteering at South Shore Regional Hospital.

**1991 Kevin Smith** reports that son Owen has made the West End Steelers Boys Under 12 Basketball Team. Owen also plays hockey. Kevin is the Head Coach of his daughter Grace's Bantam Hockey Team, Metro West Force RED. They were successful in winning Gold at their first competition in Yarmouth. Grace also plays volleyball.

**2016 Bromlyn Myra** is attending Dalhousie College of Pharmacy, being accepted on the first attempt. Parents **Jamie '87** and **Sandra Myra '86** attended the White Coat ceremony where first year students receive their lab coats.

## IN MEMORIAM

**1937 Doris Richardson** on August 3, 2018. Survived by her nieces Jennifer, Karen, Carolyn, Sally and Angela.

**1938 Vivian Crouse Goddard** on February 26, 2018.

**1942 Barbara Murphy Lohnes** 93 on February 25, 2018. Survived by daughter Karen Wardell, son Tommy Lohnes, sisters, **Isabelle Winslow '43**, **Catheryn Harpell '50**, **Ann Perry '52**, **Joan Conrad '55**, brother, **Harrison '49**.

**1943 Arthur Crouse** on April 7, 2018. Survived by wife **Sylvia Walters Crouse '44** and children Joanne, Catherine, Michael and Thomas.

**1944 Rosaline "Rosie" Jennings Lowry** 91 on June 10, 2018. Survived by sons John, David, Peter. Predeceased by husband James, brother, Sam, sisters **Frances Penney '39**, **LeVaughn Atkins '40** and **Joyce Clarke '45**.

**1946 Frederick Keillor** on September 14, 2018. Besides his wife and children, he is survived by brothers **Ramsay '49** and **James '52**.

**1946 Lucille Knickle Ritcey** 89 on March 11, 2018. Predeceased by her husband Eric, son **David '69**, and brothers, Warren and Gilbert.

**1948 Ann Naas Whiteside** on March 12, 2018. Survived by brother **Raymond Naas '58**.

**1949 Laura Feener Croft** on May 16, 2018. Survived by son **Danny Croft '72**, daughter **Diane McNair '74**, brother **George Feener '54**, sisters **Betty Purcell '64**, **Doris Feener '68**.

**1952 Elaine Corkum Little** 83 on April 12, 2018. Survived by her husband Hugh, sons Kevin and Stephen and sister, **Isabelle Alfred Langille '45**.

**1955 Eric A. Crouse** on March 10, 2018. Survived by wife Julie, sister **Heather Crouse Marks '70**, brother **Gordon Crouse '57**. Predeceased by brother **Richard J. Crouse '62**.

**1957 Marilyn Corkum Nowe** on May 20, 2018. She is survived by son, **Gary Nowe '75**.

George Sheaves 85 on January 25, 2018. Survived by wife **Roselia '57**, daughter **Lousie '78**, son **Gregory '80**.

**1957 Lauren Wile** on May 4, 2018. Survived by wife Shirley, daughters, Susan Wile, Pam Himmelman and son, Michael.

**1958 Josephine Skinner** 77, on April 18, 2018. After graduating from the Lunenburg Academy, Josephine began a lifelong career of teaching which included 25 years as a preschool teacher, 13 years at The Lunenburg Co-op Nursery School and 12 years in her home with Melody Lane Nursery School. She was deeply involved with Music For Young Children for 32 years and taught privately for over 52 years in Skinner's Studio. She is survived by husband Albert, daughters **Juliette Joudrey '78**, **Elizabeth Skinner '81**, **Angela Lake '89**, sister **Melissa O'Conner '78**, brothers **Michael '57** and **Terry O'Conner '65**. Josephine was predeceased by daughter **Rosemary Mader '76**.

**1959 Henry "Hank" Winters** 77, of Grand Bend, Ontario, on March 18, 2018. Hank considered the world his home and steel his industry. But he was happiest as a child in Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, where he loved the smell of the sea. In his retirement he embraced three entirely new pursuits: singing barbershop; achieving a black belt in Karate; and swimming his way to a gold medal at the Ontario Masters championship. Even when his illness was most challenging, he always focused his attention on concerns outside himself, mostly to the benefit of his family. In early September, members of the Winters family came to Lunenburg for internment of **Henry's** ashes in the Winters' family plot. He is survived by wife Nancy,

daughter Elizabeth, son Philip, and sister Marny. Predeceased by father **Hon. Robert H. Winters '27**, mother Eleanor and brother Richard.

**1961 Jamesie Mayo** and family lost their mother Alice "Eileen" MacDuff on May 30, 2018. Besides Jamesie, she is survived by daughter **Mary Jane Tilley '77**, sons **Reid MacDuff '64** and **Jack MacDuff '68**.

**Myrtle Parsons '62** lost her grandson Dakota Parsons on March 18, 2018.

**Patricia Lohnes Rhuland '62** lost her husband Borden Rhuland on August 1, 2018, survived by daughter Annette, sons Spencer and Sterling.

**1963 Ralph Strowbridge** on July 25, 2018, survived by his wife **Amy Morris Strowbridge '65** and daughters Hilda Russell, Angie Payne and Denise Weaver.

A celebration of life for **Susan Lohnes Anderson '64** and **Karl Anderson '64** was held at Hillcrest Cemetery in Lunenburg on August 15, 2018. Susan (1946-2017) and Karl (1946-2012), who both succumbed to cancer, had expressed the desire to be laid to rest in their home town, just down the hill from Lunenburg Academy, where they had not only been students, but also childhood sweethearts. A graveside service was led by Father Alvin Westgate, of St. John's Anglican Church. Attending were Susan and Karl's daughters and families, Susan's brother **Jim Lohnes '59**, Karl's brother and sister-in-law, Pat and **Reg Anderson '59**, good friends Larry and Eileen Ladd, **Crispin Cook '65**, **Sandra '63** and **Paul Crouse '61** and Joan and **John Veinotte '68**, many cousins and other close friends, and 1964 Academy classmates, including **Ingrid Menssen Greek**, **Jackie Manthorne**, **Linda Zinck Wong** and Larry, **Jane Anderson Birtles**, **Janet Anderson Tanner**, **Jane Spindler**, and **Cynthia Wentzell**.

Gilbert Baker on March 8, 2018 in Bridgewater. He is survived by son **Peter Baker '78** and daughter **Valerie Baker Burley '77**. He was predeceased by wife **Barbara Hirtle Baker '51** and by son **Hon. Michael Baker '75**.

**1976 Kendall Black** on August 4, 2018. Kendall served with the Lunenburg and District Fire Department for more than 30 years and was an active member of the town's community. Known to everyone as a hard worker, Kendall worked until the morning prior to his passing. Besides his mother Ethel Arenburg Black, he is survived by wife **Babette "Bobbie" Black '79**, daughters **Brittany Black '08**

and **Micayla Black Spidle '12**, sisters **Heather Black Hyson '69**, Carolyn Black Forsyth and Linda Black Cail.

**1979 Brian Rowlands** on August 16, 2018, survived by wife **Valerie Haughn Rowlands '74**, brothers Deacon **Roderick Rowlands '75**, **Alan Rowlands '79** and sister, **Rosemary Smith '88**.

## ANNIVERSARIES

**1951 Barbara Beck Hine** and husband Charles celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on July 2, 2017 with family from Whitehorse, Lethbridge, Ottawa and Toronto. One of the highlights of the week long activities was a family sail on a three-masted schooner out of Toronto Harbour.

**1963 David Afford** and his wife Susan celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on August 29, 2018.

**1964 Cynthia Smith Wentzell** and her husband David celebrated their wedding anniversary on August 3, 2018.

**1965 Brian DeMone** and his wife **Karen '66** celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on May 25, 2018.

## BIRTHDAYS

**1935 Joyce Feener Walters** celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on November 3, 2018 at an open house at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Hall, Lunenburg.

**1948 Armenia Cook Corkum** hosted a family gathering to celebrate husband Ivan's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 6.

## BIRTHS

**1964 Ingrid Greek** and husband Karl announce the safe arrival of twin granddaughters to their youngest daughter Karla Greek and husband Tim. This set of fraternal twins increases the total number to 8 grandchildren.

**1975 Penny Dominix Zwicker's** daughter, Dr. Kelly Saxby, had a baby boy.

Former teacher Jennifer Fougere Stead and husband Daniel welcomed Patrick Peter on September 6, 2018. A brother for George. Proud grandparents are **Linda Lohnes Fougere '70**, Peter and **Marsha Clarke Stead '66**.

**2013 Megan Crouse Hutchinson** had a baby girl on September 7, 2018. Grandparents are **Robert '88** and **Donna Minard Crouse '86**. Great grandparents are **Paul '61** and **Sandra Keeping Crouse '63**.

## REUNIONS

### Class of 1953



Attending the party were **Doris Dauphinee Witherall, Mona Miller Knickle, Philomene Arenburg Baker, Ruth Creighton Taylor, Gilbert Berringer, Shirley Hiltz Eisenhauer, Jane Sterne Kerr.** Sitting in the front row are **Paul Allen** and **Charlotte Dewling Heckman.**

The party was held at **Ruth Creighton Taylor's** summer home on Herman's Island. A very good time was had by all!

### Class of 1960



"These gals get together every two years for some laughs, love and good memories! Left to Right: **Annette Dauphinee, Susan Crouse Whynot, Susan Stoddard Zinck, Wendy Comstock Mayo, Dale Keddy, Ann Hirtle, Patty Meisner Lively, Martha Keddy, Janet Hebb Frank, Bev Williams Nodding.** Absent this year **Bettie Jane Stewart Holbrook** and **Jill Comstock Smith.**

### Class of 1962

The Class of 1962 and their better halves met for our annual reunion at The Old Fish Factory Restaurant on July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Those attending the reunion dinner were **Marion Falkenham Crouse, Sharon Naas Dares, Watson Knickle, Franklyn Himmelman** and wife Ruth, **Leslie Mason** and **Janet Knickle Mason, Casey Van der Toorn** and wife Renda, **David Winaut** and wife Wanda, **Glen Conrad** and wife Judy, **Don Morash** and wife Diane, **Dianne Lohnes** who was home from Toronto, **Helen Bailly Bennett** and husband Fred. The food was delicious and view of the harbour on the evening was spectacular! It was great to meet again at which has become an annual event. We have always made it a priority to keep in touch with our school buddies who are some of our best friends.

## Class of 1978



On July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 15 members of the Class of 78, some with their significant others, gathered at the Bluenose Golf Club for their 40<sup>th</sup> year reunion. It was an evening filled with reminiscing, laughter and fine BBQ dining! Many memories were rekindled as some members hadn't seen each other since graduation day.

Front row: **Nancy Perry, Mary Knickle, Peter Baker, Lisa Zwicker, Ronald Bachman**

Back row: **Lynn Brine, Juliette Skinner, Sally Saunders, Tara Purcell, Ian Creaser, Kevin Cook, Robert Romkey, Richard Byers, John Richards**

Absent: **Mary Demone**

## Class of 1986



It was a warm Saturday August afternoon when several members, and their families, of the Class of '86 descended on the cottage of **Heather Smith Langille's** parents on Herman's Island to celebrate their collective 50th birthdays. A visiting nun from the lesser known Abbey of Paradise Hill blessed the gathering. The "sister" also recognized **Kevin Hiltz**, first of the Class of '86 who had begun his heavenly journey. Kevin will be missed by family, friends and the class.

The festivities continued at the Ice House Bar/Old Fish Factory. We were welcomed by **Mike Mawhinney '86**, fellow 50 club member and owner of the restaurant. Our "Still Fabulous at 50" t-shirts were a big hit. Thanks to honorary class member **Jamie**

**Myra '87** for dressing us in style. We were serenaded by our former teacher, Hank Middleton, who was performing with his group at the Ice House. It was nice to catch up with Mr. Middleton during the evening. **Heather's** brother **Robert '87** also attended.

The evening came to a successful close at the home of **Jake and Rosemary Smith** with some less than stellar singing and jocularity. Cannot wait for 2021!

## Lunenburg Academy of Music Performance Celebrates Fifth Year

Submitted by **Susan Corkum-Greek '87**, General Manager

It's hard to believe five years have passed since we opened our doors with a mission to create the next generation of top performing artists right here in our beloved Academy. To date, we've welcomed hundreds of emerging artists from more than 25 countries and every province in Canada.

Earlier this year, LAMP also achieved a major strategic goal when we were approved for operating funding under the Canada Arts Training Fund, a program administered by Canadian Heritage that supports organizations that "specialize in training artists for professional national or international artistic careers, at the highest levels."

We invite alumni to follow our activities on Facebook and Twitter, and to join us for world-class concert performances and fascinating outreach programs.

## NEWS FROM HOME

**Roxie Lohnes Smith, Class of 1959**

Irving Shipbuilding Inc. has awarded an \$8.9 million contract to **ABCO Industries Limited** of Lunenburg for the design and construction of 12 metre landing craft for the Royal Canadian Navy's, the Harry DeWolf-class Arctic and Offshore Patrol Ships.

After 71 years in business, **ABCO Industries Limited** was sold to the Huskison family this past summer. All employees have remained and the Huskilsons, a South Shore family of engineers, are excited and pleased to be involved. **John Meisner '68** remains President of the company in support of the transition.

**West Nova Fuels** acquired the **Bailly's Fuels** business in the winter of 2018. The sale keeps the business local to Lunenburg ownership. All employees moved to West Nova Fuels and continue to provide customers with local service for all their heating needs. Anne Bailly has retired from the home heating business and is currently a real estate Agent with Keller Williams.

Kate Cocks, owner and operator of **Sweet Indulgence Café and Catering** is fighting a battle against single use plastics. She claims that the greatest asset of Nova Scotia is the fact that it is surrounded by water. At the rate plastics are increasing, we will no longer be Canada's Ocean Playground. Years ago, Kate stopped selling water in plastic bottles. She has switched to wooden utensils for take out orders as well as biodegradable boxes and cookie bags tied with natural hemp string. Kate's Café was named Nova Scotia's best green restaurant in 2017.

**Kelly Levy Conrad '07**, "a born and bred Lunenburger", along with her husband Capt. Jason Conrad have opened Dory Mates Seafood Shop at 130 Montague Street. Coming from a family of Sea Captains, she says fish is in her blood. Her grandfather **Capt. Earl Demone '43** comes to the shop to check things out. Kelly says he is her inspiration. In addition to fresh fish such as halibut, which comes to the shop whole and is cleaned and cut up in store, other complementary products such as fish cakes, salt cod, Solomon Gundy, etc., are sold. Fresh is their motto. For those who need a quick lunch, sandwiches such as lobster and smoked salmon can be purchased.

**Katherine Eisenhower '96**, owner of Savvy Sailor on Montague Street, has offered compostable take-out containers since opening in May, 2012. Conscious of environmental issues, she has now switched to wooden cutlery for take-outs.

Lunenburg's historic **Bank of Montreal** building received a new lease on life thanks to the efforts of former federal cabinet minister Garth Turner, who restored the building for use by his Wealth Management Company, Turner Investments. He also intends to lease some of the property. He stated that he bought the building because it is a "gorgeous building" with "historically significant" architecture. An Open House on 27 June 2018 gave everyone an opportunity to tour the building. Turner and wife Dorothy have divided their time between Toronto and Lunenburg for the past 7 years.

**Lunenburg Folk Harbour Festival** won the East Coast Music Award 2018 for Event of the Year.

**Lunenburg Doc Fest** was once again a rousing success, bringing crowds of people to Lunenburg September 20th-23rd. Established in 2014, it has gradually attracted an increasing number of people to our beautiful town. As the program indicated, "Lunenburg Doc Fest showcases documentary films that entertain, educate and inspire, creating a cultural experience and place of connection between filmmakers and filming enthusiasts in the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Lunenburg Nova Scotia."

**18<sup>th</sup> Annual Curl for a Cause** raised \$44,000 for several pieces of equipment for the Alternative Level of Care, Fishermen's Memorial Hospital in Lunenburg. This included two ceiling lifts and two beds and over-the-bed tables badly needed to enhance patient care. Curl for a Cause was held at the Lunenburg Curling Club, and has raised over \$500,000 since 2001.

**West Nova Golf Tournament in aid of Fishermen's Memorial Hospital** raised more than \$32,000 for CADD Pain Pumps for local Palliative Care. Next year will be the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the tournament.

**The old New Town School** on Tannery Road, built in 1883, will get a new roof thanks to the partnership of Town of Lunenburg and the Nova Scotia Community College's local heritage carpentry program.

We remember the building because this is where we more mature students learned Home Economics and Manual Training. How many of you remember "Eggs à la Goldenrod"?

**Provincial Volunteer Awards.** A long and diverse history of volunteer work with various organizations has translated into accolades for **Roxie '59** and Ben Smith.

Ben's volunteer efforts include Lunenburg Marine Museum Society, South Shore Mustangs AAA hockey, Lunenburg Board of Trade, and the Lunenburg Curling Club. Ben is proud of his role in the restoration of St. John's Anglican Church after a devastating fire in 2001 and his is long-time volunteer commitment is to the Lunenburg & District Swimming Pool.

Roxie remains an active giver when it comes to the Lunenburg Academy. Some of her volunteer efforts were Chair of the Hospital Foundation Board; Chair of the District Health Authority; member of the Ministers' Task Force on Regionalization; Conserve Nova Scotia and Canada School Band Trips to Fort Smith. She is proud of her involvement in the lobbying for and establishment of the Bone Density Unit, the Ambulatory Care Unit and the Dr. Arthur Patterson Centre for Restorative Care at Fishermen's Memorial Hospital.

## **Supercentenarian Marguerite Heisler Robertson Class of 1919**

**Passed away on 31 August 2018 at 111 years, 111 days**

Excerpt of Article Written by **David Mawhinney '85** to commemorate Marguerite's 111<sup>th</sup> Birthday



**Marguerite** celebrated her 111<sup>th</sup> birthday with a small gathering of family and friends at her retirement home in New Westminster, B.C. Her daughter, Janet Robertson of Edmonton, says they enjoyed a traditional cake "with lots of butter icing." **Johanne Zwicker McKee '50** and husband Ian visited Marguerite a week later to attend a family gathering to continue the celebrations.

In an interview with Mount Allison University's Archivist **David Mawhinney '85** in 2014, "Marguerite told a remarkable story about her childhood winters in Lunenburg County, travelling by horse-drawn sleigh across a frozen body of water that in my memory no longer freezes because of climate change," said Mawhinney. "Her family would travel from Westhaver's Beach to Indian Point under moose hide with rocks taken out of the

oven to keep their feet warm. She wasn't too keen on this. She really didn't like it when the horses would go down the beach to get onto the ice because of the wave motion close to shore."

Marguerite Robertson was the youngest of four daughters of Capt. David Heisler (1851-1946) and his second wife, Charlotte (Herman) Heisler (1875-1941).

She got her first job over a game of bridge, when a Vancouver doctor whose assistant had just quit asked her if she had any office experience. With stenography and typewriting under her belt, Marguerite took the job. She and her husband, Dr. John Robertson, had three children. Her husband passed away in 1975 and she lived on in the family home until 2014.

Last year she was included in a centenarian study sponsored by the Boston University School of Medicine. Her oral history interview offered details about her experience of the Halifax Explosion and recounted the first car that she ever saw – a Nash. Her family is particularly interested in their genetic background and is currently exploring what makes their mother so unique. Her daughter said Marguerite's happy disposition has sustained her and continues to endear her to many friends and admirers.

# A Trip Down Memory Lane, with Apologies to Eiffel et al

Submitted by Ramsay Keillor '49

Paris has the Eiffel Tower on the Champ de Mars; New York has the Empire State Building on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 34<sup>th</sup> Street; London has Big Ben in Westminster. And Lunenburg has the magnificent Lunenburg Academy on Gallows Hill.

And of course our Lunenburg Academy means as much to Lunenburgers as the other structures mean to the people who live in those cities. The Academy holds so many memories. And it is a gleaming symbol of character, so wanting in our surroundings today. Think of the massive gap in the last 120-or-so years of our history if the Academy hadn't replaced the older school on the band stand hill!

It wasn't just the hundreds of colourful students and the deeply-talented teachers in the one-of-a-kind architecture. There were so many townspeople who willingly and cheerfully pitched in to help Academy functions. For example, would our smash-hit operettas been possible without the direction of the irreplaceable Pearl Oxner? Or would they have been such smash hits without sets and scenery created by husband, Bert?

Or would the Fisherman's Exhibition parade been nearly as grand without the presence of the brilliantly decorated oxen and wagons carrying the young ones, led perhaps by the elegant Mr. Fritz, or Rosie or Farmer Anderson? And speaking of farmers, do you remember the beautifully decorated farm machinery transporting the royalty, themselves besplendoured with costume which only enhanced their knock-out beauty? And let's not forget parade organizer Fred Haughn, who never missed a start-time.

But learning didn't necessarily stop when the school day ended. After all, Lunenburg was a power in the fishing industry, with boatbuilding, dory-making, barrel-making, a foundry, a block shop. In those days, the town boasted four blacksmith shops. To see a wagon wheel emerge from nothing or a horseshoe appear out of a shapeless chunk of metal was fascinating to some minds. Some young men learned sufficiently well to build their own sailboats, 10- and 12-footers.

If you had enough learning for the day, there were other diversions. Along about the end of November, water would begin to freeze and out came the skates. The smaller ponds froze first, and for a week or so the railroad pond, a couple hundred yards on the Mahone Bay side of the Cut Bridge, was the target. But soon the Tea Berry pond was ready, which was more densely populated. It also offered a shelter behind the threshing mill when donning or doffing footwear. And eventually Lilydale Lake and the Back Harbour froze over.

Snow brought into play Maxner's Hill and the sledding thrills as well as the adventures in the ice house just beyond Martin's Brook on the Mahone Bay road. The building housed huge blocks of ice which were delivered all summer to those who had ice-boxes, predecessor to today's refrigerator. The blocks were piled high to the roof of the building and their movement was facilitated by two very thin, rusty, metal tracks, like miniature railroads. The blocks rode along these rails like racing cars.

Another outstanding memory begins with Everett Mackay's turnovers, puff pastry unmatched, and his Burlington buns. Then there were Emeneau's little round cheese cookies, with jam in the middle, and their cylindrically-shaped loaves of brown bread. If you went to Ellison Corkum's, you would find great date-raisin bread. Head to Hilda Morash's for a great big hello and a possible hug. Still hungry? Drop by Owen Smeltzers' for bags of pink popcorn with whistle and ring prizes, inhale the molasses and kerosene odours in Kenny Crouse's, or marvel at the huge banana stocks in George Anderson's. Don't bypass Gilfoy's back of town, or Sodero's with that big vat of peanut butter, distributed in small white boxes which turned brown by the time you reached home. And admire Joey Bolivar's pile of oranges and the smell of the world's food in Bertie Oxner's. Then treat yourself to Hatt's Digby chicks, Waddy Wamboldt's bologna and Gow Heisler's sausage.

On the way to these treasures, you might run into Boomdie, Pitt, Cookie, Bunny, Dilly, Gardie, Houda, or Happy, who were missed on our last trip.

Could life have been any better in any other circumstance?



The north and west side of our restored Academy or for Alumni...the view from "The Rings".

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