



Fundraising Update

ND Gala Nov. 16, 2012

From the Principal

I am pleased to have this opportunity to greet our esteemed alumni and friends of Notre Dame. Now in my fifth year as part of this faith and learning community, I continue to marvel at the many alumni who have left an indelible mark and have shared in Notre Dame's glorious past. Over time, I have certainly learned to appreciate and respect Notre Dame's rich traditions and successes more and more.

As Principal, I can say with complete sincerity that I feel truly blessed to have been given this wonderful opportunity. The dedication and professionalism of the staff has been nothing short of laudable. The tremendous support of the parent community has been inspiring, and the work and commitment of our Archbishop's Representative, Father Lawrence Donnelly, our school chaplain, Father Rocha, and all of our parish priests has been tremendous to date. Of course, the most fulfilling aspect of my journey with ND continues to be my association with the students whom I have had the pleasure and privilege of working with.

It has been said that in life, what's most important is not so much where we are, but rather, in what direction we are moving. This year, enrolment has

risen to 630; an increase of close to one hundred students over the past three years. We have more students than ever achieving academic recognition and participating in school extra-curricular activities. We are blessed with our state of the art academic wing, and only days away from opening our newly renovated auditorium. Good work continues behind the scenes, as we persist in our ongoing attempts to complete Phase Two of our building project.

As always, we are never satisfied; we will continually challenge ourselves to "raise the bar" in all that we do. This will require a tremendous ongoing commitment from all of our stakeholders and a belief that this special community is truly worth the effort. We must never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. I look with favourable anticipation to another outstanding year at Notre Dame, meeting and getting acquainted with many more of our alumni, and working together towards honouring our school's interminable motto: know, love, and serve.

May God bless each and every one of you, now and always!

Mr. Roger DesLauriers, Principal

ND Gala Invitation

The Notre Dame Alumni Foundation hosts Venetian Masquerade as the 10th Annual Gala November 16, 2012. The dinner, dance and auction raise \$40,000 annually and this year promises to surpass that figure. The Venetian themed evening will host 400 guests at the Italian Cultural Centre. Dance to the sound of Wall Street and take a chance on winning close to \$10,000 in prizes. You are invited to attend, to contribute,

and to embrace this opportunity to support a community rich in spirit and love for the students of Notre Dame. Donation of goods and services for the auction are welcomed and advertising opportunities are available to all. For tickets (\$75.00) and information call the school at 604-255-5454.

Notre Dame Alumni Annual Trivia Night Friday, February 8, 2013

The Challenge:
**To N.D. supporting schools to
send at least one team of 8**

*Teams can be made up of staff,
parents and friends*

The Prize:
**\$300.00 for their school
and other prizes**

**Our Lady of Sorrows Hall
555 S. Slocan St., Vancouver
Dinner at 6:30 pm
Games start at 7:30**

**Price \$25.00 including pasta
dinner and salad!**

No host bar.

for tickets e-mail either:

Lana Tesan:

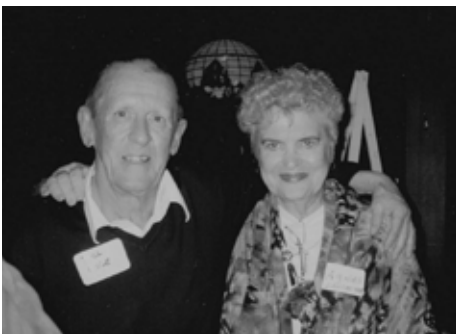
ltesan@gmail.com or

Alan Charlton:

a Charlton@ndrs.org

ND Open House

NOTRE DAME'S ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE will be held on Wednesday, January 10th. This is a great opportunity for prospective students and families to visit the school. The Placement Exam is on Saturday January 12th.



*Bill Cole and Agnes (Lancaster) Agosti
attending the Class of 1961 Reunion*

Fundraising Update

We are pleased to provide an update on the Notre Dame rebuilding project made over the summer. As we reported in January, the Task Force has been working with Ketchum Canada Inc., an experienced professional fundraising consultant to assist in conducting a case study. The objective of the study was to determine the likelihood of raising sufficient capital through a fundraising campaign to complete Phase II of construction. Your input, as well as that of our other stakeholders, was invaluable in helping us plot our strategic course as we work toward the completion of Phase II.

We heard overwhelmingly that the vast majority of interviewees are keen to see our new school completed. However, given the results of the study, our consultants have advised we would be unsuccessful raising sufficient capital prior to construction of Phase II. They have recommended a “loan-repayment” campaign that could be launched once construction is close to, if not already underway. This would make it possible to complete Phase II sooner.

The future of our regional high school's construction program is now in the hands of the Pastors of the ten feeder parishes and the Archdiocese. There is a lot of momentum in the community to finish what was started. We need your continued prayers and support in order for this endeavour to move forward. We will keep you abreast of further developments.

As a final note, the renovations of the Auditorium and site works have been completed under budget and will be ready for use in early October. It will function as an interim student cafeteria until such time that Phase II is completed, after which it will resume its intended use as an auditorium. With the completion of the Infill Building all three buildings will be linked together creating an attractive, state of the art facility our faculty and students will enjoy for decades to come. While the Task Force is mindful of the challenges that

lay ahead, we are hopeful after reading this update you share in our confidence that Phase II will become a reality sooner rather than later.

Once again, many thanks for your ongoing attention and contributions to date and we look forward to your continued feedback and support as we move closer to completing our new school.

Yours sincerely,

*Father Lawrence Donnelly,
Archbishop's Representative*

*Dr. Richard Busse, Chair, Notre Dame
Fundraising Task Force*

Alumni Scholarships

The 2011 ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIPS were awarded to graduates, Alexa Moretto and Alessia Guidi.

Sr. Helen Stewart

Many alumni were saddened to hear of the passing of Sister Helen Stewart – Nellie to her many friends (and formerly, Sr. Marie Alexis.)

Sister Helen was enormously proud of her Scottish ancestry and of being a native Vancouverite. Born eighty years ago, she entered the Sisters of Charity of Halifax in 1950, was professed in 1953, and spent most of her 46 years of teaching in Vancouver, 34 of them at Notre Dame.

The many students whom Nellie taught remember with varying degrees of fondness her classes in Science, Commerce and, above all, English. Though many of them recall their frustration at her intransigence in insisting on her interpretation of the literature studied in class, all of them recall with fondness her sense of humour, above all her ability to laugh at herself. As a result, all her many students, some of whom became life-long friends, have Sister Helen stories – stories about her pride in her “blue eyes,” stories about the tricks they played on her, and stories about the aplomb with which she handled the multitude of incidents, accidental and engineered, that form part of the

everyday interaction of teacher and students.

When Nellie left Notre Dame eight years ago, an event marked by a huge turnout of alumni at her farewell evening, she continued to lead an active life – tutoring, exercising, and engaging in a rich social life. She was always delighted to be greeted by former students, encountered at the gym or on the golf course (where she performed with dubious skill). She may not always have remembered their names, but she remembered fondly the part that they played in the many rewarding years she had spent at Notre Dame.

Sadly, Sister Helen's departure from Notre Dame also marked the end of an era, for she was the last of the many Sisters who served so well and so lovingly their skills and time with the students. They are remembered with gratitude by their students. Without them, Notre Dame would not have been able to survive. Not least among them was Sister Helen Stewart. May she rest in peace and enjoy the rewards of a life of service and delight.



Class of 2002 Reunion

1958 Reunion in May 2013

The CLASS OF 1958 is planning a 55TH REUNION on Saturday, May 25th at the Holiday Inn at the corner of Renfrew and Hastings. Similar to the Millennium Reunion, the Class of '58 is inviting the two classes ahead and behind them, ie 1956, 1957, 1959 and 1960. The fun begins at 3:00 pm (snacks served), followed by dinner then coffee and dessert served later in the evening. The last Millennium Reunion was a huge success.

Did You Know That

LISA LAPOINTE – Notre Dame Grad, class of 1979, was appointed last year to the position of Chief Coroner with the B.C. Coroner Services.

JULIE IANNACONE – Notre Dame Grad, also from the class of 1979, was appointed in 2011 as the Manager of Children & Youth Services at the Vancouver Library. She was also a Protocol Officer during the Vancouver Olympic Games, developing, supporting and hosting dignitary itineraries prior to and during the games.



Class of 1961 Reunion Committee.

Notre Dame Goes Green

Don't panic - the jerseys are still blue and white but the school is GRE-E-E-N when it comes to recycling and it is reaping some benefits for its effort.

Notre Dame has set up an account at the Bottle Recycling Depot, 6518 Kensington Square (and Hastings Street) in Burnaby. Anyone can drop off their bag(s) of pop cans, wine bottles etc. at that depot. Put a sign on the bag 'Notre Dame School' and the monies collected will automatically be put into the school's account. The company does the counting etc.

This program was tested last year and we collected over \$1500 without too much advertising. Just imagine how much we could collect if we just spread the word. If you want further information, you may check with Vice-Principal, Ralph Gabriele at 604-255-5454. Remember, mark your bags NOTRE DAME SCHOOL.

Class of 1961 Reunion

Fifty Year reunions are a big ticket item. Organizing one might seem daunting and lead to reluctance to plan a get-together. Actually it can be fun if the load is shared among a happy and enthusiastic group.

We selected a date, November 4, 2011. For our venue, we chose the Mountain Shadows Pub in North Burnaby. The manager (a fellow Notre Dame grad of a later vintage) offered us the entire upstairs area complete with fireplace and plenty of seating and standing space free of charge. Rather than a

formal set meal and separate bar, attendees could choose their meals from the menu and order drinks as they wished.

To find our friends, we reviewed the grad list and divided the

task amongst the seven of us. The computer, telephone and the Class of 1961 grapevine helped us greatly and we contacted all but six of the 69 class members. This part was fun for all of us and we would eagerly email each other as we made another "find".

More than half of our classmates came from near and far to renew acquaintances, tell what happened since Graduation Day and share memories. John Vielvoye's incredibly complete scrapbook and other mementoes which classmates brought were enjoyed by all. Other than words of welcome there were no speeches necessary. Those who attended liked the chance to mix and mingle or to have in-depth conversations.

We hope to compile a Class of 1961 Directory and a Photo CD of pictures taken at the reunion which we will share with our classmates.

If a major date is coming up for your graduation class, why not say yes to a reunion, share the work and go the casual route. It's fun and very rewarding.

Lionel Daneault

NOTRE DAME ALUMNI FOUNDATION PRESENTS

10th Annual Gala

VENETIAN MASQUERADE

Friday, November 16th, 2012

ITALIAN CULTURAL CENTRE

3075 SLOCAN STREET VANCOUVER

*live band - wall street • no-host bar • live auction •
silent auction*

\$75 tickets

6:00pm cocktails 7:00pm dinner

For tickets and
information call the
school office at
604-255-5454



Class of 2002 Reunion

On Saturday September 8th, approximately 75 ND graduates from our class of 2002 reunited. The reunion was held at 'The Refinery', alumnus Ray Staniscia's restaurant. The revolving door of people caused much excitement as they were greeted by a line of people, similar to a marriage receiving line. Stories including engagements, Daniella Gentile, Chris Switzer to Danielle Dodge, and Dom Cibelli, marriages, children, relocations, education and job opportunities dominated the conversations.

Although the evening passed quickly, it was a great opportunity for all of us to reconnect and rekindle relationships that brought us back 10 years, including music bringing us back a decade. After dinner the night carried over to Caprice for many of the grads. Thanks to staff members Jessica and Simon Isherwood for sharing the night with us. Special thanks to all of the grads of '02 for participating in the Vespa Raffle and raising over \$250 towards completing Phase II of Notre Dame, and giving back to their alma mater. Finally thanks to Elena Mobilio for organizing the event.

Joe Dardano Grad 2002

Obituaries

Recently we have heard that several alumni have passed away, Tony Camley '58. Peter Green '62, Beverly (Worsley) Kent '64 and Reg Stott '71. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.



2002 Class Reunion

Update Class Lists

Your NOTRE DAME ALUMNI ASSOCIATION needs your help to UPDATE CLASS LISTS. We are far behind some of our fellow Secondary Schools' Alumni Associations and it will take a huge effort on everyone's part to get the job done.

Those of you who have had reunions, please send your updated lists including any changes you have received since that time. Please DO NOT remove any name from your database. If they do not want to be contacted or if they are deceased, just keep the name and make an appropriate note. Thank you!

Notre Dame Alumni Association Financial Report

BALANCE FORWARD as of September 30, 2011			\$4,848.07
REVENUE			
	Registrations	\$1,490.00	
	15th Annual Trivia Night	\$1,275.88	
	ND Foundation Shared Postage	\$1,948.72	
			\$4,714.60
EXPENSES			
	Newsletters:Printing/Postage	\$5,254.87	
	Bank Service Charges	\$55.27	
	Notre Dame/Walkathon	\$200.00	
	ND Alumni Scholarship	\$500.00	
			\$6,010.14
BALANCE as of August 31, 2012			\$3,552.53

ND Alumni Membership

Thank you for your annual \$10 membership fee. We depend on your support to publish this newsletter and support ND.

Please make cheque payable to the Notre Dame Alumni Association:

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