

# Notre Dame Alumni Association Newsletter

June 2016

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#### **Family BBQ Coming up June 17th**

#### **Blessing of Chapel**

The St. Elizabeth Anne Seton Chapel at Notre Dame Regional Secondary was blessed by our Archbishop Michael Miller in a beautiful ceremony last December.











## **Alumni Association Chapel Donations**

Thanks to your support, the Alumni Association has donated a stained glass window and altar linens on behalf of all ND Alumni to our school chapel. The first window above the altar is a depiction of a dove as shown.

If you have time, be sure to check it out.

The Alumni Association has committed to complete the final details for the Chapel. Still in the plans are two side tables, a vessel for holy water, and a second stained glass window depicting Our Lady for the west window.



First of two stained glass windows installed in the ND School Chapel donated by the ND Alumni Association on behalf of all ND Alumni

#### **Reunited 40 Years Later**

The ND Graduating Class of '75 got together this year on the evening of May 8th to celebrate their 40th anniversary at the Burnaby Mountain Golf Club.

At first there was some trepidation and uncertainty on whether or not we were even going to recognize each other! However, the uneasiness didn't last long and gave way to a perfectly wonderful and memorable evening. The 50 Grads that attended (and 14 spouses) had a great time catching up with each other and reflecting and reminiscing over old times and memories.

A fun part of the evening was the slide-show prepared by Josie Mazzarolo (Borzillo). The slide show showcased individual pictures of members of our graduating class as well as an array of photos of our years at ND (were we really that young?). We shared one very sad moment when we remembered two of our classmates who have passed away: Bruno Marin and Sandy Beck (Scodeller).

We are thankful for our families and our friends and for all that we have survived and achieved during the past 40 years. To help commemorate our 40th Anniversary, the Graduating Class of 1975 would like to donate \$676.20 towards the new school building fund.

Mary Lou Berrow (McCambridge), JoAnne Douglas (Brunoro), Liz Fanning (McLaughlin), Josie Mazzarolo (Borzillo), Jim Patterson, Colleen Schaufele (Protz).





1975 Reunion Organizing Committee

#### Class of 1976 50th Planned

What a year! Sylvester Stallone was up for an Academy Award for his work in a hit Rocky movie, people are listening to David Bowie and Glenn Frey and the Eagles, and Trudeau is our Prime Minister. Yes, we are referring to 1976. The year Howard Hughes died - and actors including Ryan Reynolds, Benedict Cumberbatch, and Reese Witherspoon were born.

And, if you're receiving this newsletter, you graduated from Notre Dame Regional Secondary School June 1976. Everything old is new again - including the school we attended. There's an impressive new building now with so many improvements (including, mercifully, those bathrooms!) It would be a cool place to have a 40th reunion so why don't we do that? We have booked Saturday September 17, 2016 at ND - after summer holidays and giving people time to plan (and for the real keeners, lose weight). We're organizing one night for "grads only" although it's up to you where you take the renewed friendships after that.

The first thing we need to do is get the word out. We've got some of your email addresses (hopefully up to date) – and we're looking for more. Please send your email contact to Eva at ezanotto@ hotmail.com so that you can be added to the list.



1975 Reunion

We will send a follow up email in August requesting RSVP so we have an idea who will be attending. It will be a casual event with appetizers and 1 drink included in the \$20 entry fee-no host bar. Any profit will be directed to the Notre Dame Alumni Foundation in support of the new building on behalf of the Class of 1976. See you soon.

Albert Z., Andrea G., Doriana T., Eva S., John P., Mary F., Neil C., Paul D.







1975 Reunion photos







#### **John Brassington**

It is with deep sadness and tremendous respect that we announce the passing of Mr. John Brassington, at the young age of 65. Mr. Brassington was suddenly and tragically killed in a motor vehicle accident while driving on Highway 97 near Clinton, BC (about 120 KM northwest of Kamloops) on Thursday, April 21. His daughter, Samantha, was with him at the time of the accident. She is currently in a hospital in Kamloops and is expected to make a full recovery from her injuries.

Mr. Brassington epitomized what it means to be a true Juggler; he was dedicated, loyal, and committed to our school community for over fifty years, as a student (Class of '69), an alumnus, and as a teacher (1979-2016). Some of his important roles at Notre Dame included: co-athletic director, coaching football, basketball (boys and girls), and track and field, and serving every team and club within the school as a faithful bus driver. He was an esteemed colleague, friend, and mentor for staff and students alike.

Mr. Brassington is survived by his wife, our very own Mrs. Eileen Brassington, and by his three children: CJ (Class of 2007), William (Class of 2009), and Samantha (Class of 2012).

When someone we love is in heaven, we have a little bit of heaven in our home.

God bless you, John

#### Sr. Josephine Carney

February 9, 1920 - February 20, 2016

Sister Josephine Carney of the Sisters of Saint Ann passed peacefully back into the comforting arms of our Lord at Mount St. Mary Hospital in Victoria, British Columbia on February 20, 2016. She was 96 years of age. Josephine entered the Sisters of St. Ann February 8, 1939 and pronounced her vows on July 26, 1941. Education for ministry included: Teaching Certification in Montreal and Victoria; University of Ottawa (BA); University of Portland (MA); University of Oregon (Doctor of



The Brassington Family

Arts). Sister Josephine spent her entire adult life in the service of our Lord with the Sisters of Saint Ann primarily as a teacher. Of her 48 years dedicated to education she taught in several schools in BC and the Yukon before spending nearly 20 years teaching at Little Flower Academy (LFA) and for several years at Notre Dame Regional Secondary. Sister Josephine was a loved and respected student (1938), teacher, Administrator, Sister of Saint Ann and Alumna of Little Flower Academy in Vancouver. She continued to teach at LFA until her retirement in 1997. She was always an advocate for Little Flower Academy. Sister Josephine was a member of many educational associations as well as Provincial Government and Independent School Committees. She was awarded an honorary Doctor of Sacred Letters from St. Mark's College for her contribution to education. After her retirement from teaching, Sister Josephine moved to the Victoria area and continued to be active in the Church and in the LFA community. She continued her Catholic evangelism, especially with The Legion of Mary and The Right of Christian Initiation of Adults, in Victoria and on the lower Mainland, well into her 90s, even while legally blind. As we celebrate her passing from this life, Sister Josephine's infectious positive outlook, incredible enthusiasm of life and unshakable



faith in the glory and grace of God will be missed. Sister Josephine or "Aunt Jo" was predeceased by her parents, John N. and Ethel (Crook) Carney; brothers: the Most Reverend James Francis Carney (1990), John (2006) and Bernard (2010). Aunt Jo is survived by nieces Mary, Shirley-Anne and Monica; nephews Michael and Robert; adopted family Madelain and Alfred Cheng, Vickee Morneno, cousin Paul White as well as her own community of The Sisters of St. Ann.

Sr. Jo could walk into any classroom and receive the immediate attention of the students. She was able to do this because of the tremendous respect she showed towards the students and they for her. She was the perfect example of the saying, "respect begets respect". The students loved her'; her co-workers loved her; the whole community that is Notre Dame loved her. She was a special human being and we will all miss her.

#### **In Memoriam**

We ask you to include in your prayers the souls of former Grads and their families:

Mary Gay Gray - 1970

Elizabeth (McKinnon) Keobke - 1976

#### **Trivia Night**

Trivia Night 2016 was a great success! Overall the Alumni Association raised a little over \$3000 toward student scholarships, the building fund and expenses.

12 teams competed altogether. The top teams were

- "Pope 1/ Trump 0" 60 points
- "Tequila Mockingbird" 59.5
- "The Best Exotic Charlton Express" 58

Thank you to our Trivia Night Sponsors for the great prizes:

- Take Five Coffee
- San Remo Groceries
- Sun'n Surf Travel
- Cineplex Odeon at Park and Tilford
- Mack Printers
- Notre Dame Athletic Department

#### **ND Family BBQ**

Notre Dame is hosing our Annual Family BBQ on June 17th at 5:00pm. The cost is \$7.00 and includes a burger and pop. All are welcomed to attend – please RSVP to the school office.

#### **SAVE THE DATE**

Notre Dame Annual Gala – Friday, November 17, 2016 at 7:00pm – Italian Cultural Centre

### ND WALK-A-THON RAISES \$40,000+!

A long-lasting tradition at Notre Dame, this year's Annual Walk-a-Thon fundraised over \$40,000 towards the appliances in our Foods Classroom! With the joint success of the students and Mr. Alan Charlton's walk in 2015, Notre Dame will receive our brand new School Bus in June!!





#### **ND VINTAGE PUB NIGHT**

On Saturday, May 14, Notre Dame hosted our first Pub Night, themed "VINTAGE". Many alumni, past and current parents, and friends in our Juggler community attended this event in their vintage ND "swag." The event was vibrant with good music, good food, and a number of raffles and prizes! Dedicated to the late Mr. John Brassington, the Pub Night was not short of details, showcasing the grand hallway that will overlook Juggler Field! Congratulations to our big winners: Mr. George Oswald and Mrs. Teresa Marrocco!!





#### **Reminder to Grads**

Please keep the Alumni Newsletter advised about reunions, marriages, babies, important events in lives and please also advise us when you know that one of our own has died.

### **Alumni Assocation Financial Report**

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REVENUE			
	Registrations	\$2,160.00	
	Donations	\$1,001.31	
	ND Foundation/ Shared Postage Cost(2 mail outs)	\$2,198.83	
			\$5,360.14
EXPENSES			
	Newsletters-Printing/ Postage	\$2,416.87	
	Bank Service Charges	\$76.14	
	Retirement gifts for teachers	\$900.00	
	ND Alumni Scholarship	\$500.00	
			-\$3,893.01
BALANCE as of December 2014 (Balance forward)			\$5,094.81
REVENUE			
	Registrations	\$830.00	
	Donations	\$4,151.74	
	Trivia Night (May 2015)	\$1,188.00	
	Trivia Night (Feb. 2016)	\$2,380.50	
			\$8,550.24
EXPENSES			
	Bank Charges	\$82.94	
	ND Walkathon	\$100.00	
	Retirement gifts for teachers	\$800.00	
	ND Alumni Scholarship	\$500.00	
	Get Wells/plant/flowers	\$119.74	
	Office Supplies/Meetings	\$113.40	
	Chapel Stained glass window	\$3,660.00	
	Altar supplies	\$444.10	
			-\$5,820.18
Balance as o	f March 31, 2016		\$7,824.87

#### ND Alumni Association

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**ND Alumni Membership** Please provide the following information with your \$10.00 cheque:

Name	
Grad Year	
Address	
Province/State	_Postal/Zip
Country	
email	