



Notre Dame Alumni Association Newsletter

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14th Annual Gala Nov. 18th

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SCHOOL BUILDING UPDATE

The school is continuing to expand and develop. Student enrollment is at the highest level ever thanks in part to the development of the building itself and to the extraordinary work of all the staff and Education Committee. There are 742 students enrolled this year, including six Grade 8 classes -- made necessary by demand from the school's feeder schools. Of particular note is of the present staff, twelve are former students.

The Chapel is complete. For this we thank the many generous people who made donations to ensure its completion. The Alumni Association and its supporters contributed new altar furnishings and the two stained glass windows. We extend a special thanks to Mr. Claudio Corra for his donations of all the marble in the chapel, for the altar of sacrifice, the altar of repose, the lectern and the holy water font.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your calendars for these upcoming alumni events. For more information on these events, see the advertisements and articles inside!

14th ND Gala

November 18th at
the Italian Cultural
Centre

Raffle Tickets

On Sale: \$10 –
Draw, November
18th – 9:30 pm at
Gala

Alumni Play


November 24, 25
& 26th at the Fr.
Cuddy Auditorium.

The Notre Dame Alumni Players present
by arrangement with Samuel French, New York

Agatha Christie

The Unexpected Guest

Can you guess who did it?



November 24, 25, 26 at 7:30pm
Fr. Joe Cuddy Auditorium

2880 Venables Street | Vancouver, BC

Tickets can be purchased in advance at the school office or on performance night at the door.
General Admission: Adults \$15; Students \$10 with ID

For information, please contact Mr. Charlton:
acharlton@ndrs.org



Trivia Night

February 17th, 2017 – 6:00 pm

Golf Tournament

May 12th, 2017

Alan Charlton's Retirement Party

June 2nd, 2017





ND Wins Archbishop's Cup Football Game 21 to 7

November 4th at Burnaby Lake Fields

This year we celebrated 60 years of football at Notre Dame. In that first year at Notre Dame, the Grade 12 class (Class of 1956) had 25 students, only 10 of which were boys and at a guess, perhaps 5 played football. Most of the team members were from Grade 11 or younger. However, they were fortunate to have a Principal, Sr. Alice Michael, and a school board who loved sports. They hired Cal Murphy (Yes! *The* Cal Murphy who coached many years in the CFL) to initiate and coach that first team and many more. Cal was the driving force behind football and Sister Alice Michael was its biggest cheer leader. Because of their strong personalities, they were not everyone's cup of tea, but no one could deny their determination to build a great school. Both were as tough as they come, and both loved Notre Dame and put all of their energy towards doing just that. They and the rest of a very small staff built the foundation that is Notre Dame.

Notre Dame Alumni On Stage Again!

Can you guess "Whodunnit"?

Several Notre Dame Alumni are returning to the Notre Dame stage, performing in Agatha Christie's mystery "The Unexpected Guest". The players are: Mike Blackstock (1984), Rina (Renzullo) Busse (1983), Rob DeLazzari (1986), Piero Ferronato (1989), Kevin Grant (1971), Michelle (Patricelli) Jacob (1985), Mary O'Neill (1972), Doriana Temolo (1976), Giuliano Vigna (2012). The play is directed by Alan Charlton, who is retiring at the end of this school year, so this marks his farewell to the Notre Dame stage.



Alumni Play Rehearsal



Come and enjoy outguessing Agatha Christie – and use the intermission as a way to enjoy a glass of wine and meet and socialize with friends.

Performances take place Thursday November 24th, Friday November 25th, and Saturday November 26th at 7:30 p.m. Admission: Adults \$15.00; Students: \$10.00 at 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the school office or at the door.

Please come and support the Notre Dame Alumni Association and its performing players! You'll have fun seeing if you can guess "whodunit"!



Class of 1976 Reunion

Letters

Donna (Morrison) and I celebrated our 50th on Sept. 11th. I met her at Our Lady of Sorrows in 1954.

Currently I am President of the Catalina Preservation Society. We are restoring and flying a

1943 Catalina Flying Boat that actually served at Pat Bay Airstation (now Victoria Airport) during the

war. You can find us at PBY Catalina.com. We are on Facebook as well. If you look up flyersprayer.com, you will see what all that memory work in Eng.

30 & 40 did to me. One of my poems "Flyers Prayer" is used worldwide at Funerals and Memorial services. It has been translated into several languages as well. Who knew! Keep up the good work folks.

pjprod@telus.net

Pat & Donna Phillips
(Class of 1962)



Class of 1976 Reunion

Class of 1966 Reunion

CLASS OF 1966 CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

It's hard to believe that 50 years went flying by so quickly for our Class of 1966, but it did, and we celebrated our 50th reunion on Saturday, September 10. It was a fabulous evening held at the "Dancing Firs Bed and Breakfast" in White Rock which is owned and run by Mary (Kasljevich) Robson. (www.dancingfirs.com)

The organizers were Doug Payette, John MacLeod, Marilyn (Macdonald) Werden and Sandy (McNeil) Oakley. In order to pull the reunion together, the organizing committee had a number of meetings, which they described as "great fun with lots of laughs". We'd like to thank Doug, John, Marilyn and Sandy for their generosity in hosting the reunion and to Helmut Meisl for his kind donation to help reimburse their costs. Of course, a special thanks goes to Mary who offered her beautiful home, in a beautiful setting, for the fun-filled gathering.

We would be remiss if we did not also thank Jo-Anne (Green)) MacLeod and Ann (MacNeil) Payette for their tireless efforts in pulling the fantastic meal together. Anne and Joanne are 1967 graduates. John and Doug ... those two are keepers!!

Two of our ND teachers, Al Blesch and Alan Charlton, were also in attendance and we'd like to think they enjoyed seeing all of us after so many years.

As we mingled with each other in the hot sunshine enjoying the incredible waterfront view, great food and wine, we renewed old friendships and made promises to "keep in touch".

We are planning to hold "spontaneous" get-togethers in the future and invite anyone who is interested to contact Sandy, who has very kindly offered to keep a master list of all email addresses and phone numbers. Sandy can be contacted at oakley@shaw.ca.

The organizing committee would like to thank everyone who attended for



1966 Reunion

contributing to our lovely walk down memory lane and look forward to seeing you again at future gatherings.



Class of 1976 Reunion

The Notre Dame Class of 1976 celebrated its 40th anniversary in September. More than half of the grad class of about 100 gathered at the new school (a serious "upgrade" from our old building) to catch up and reminisce.

After four decades, conversations were not only about children, but also grandchildren - and we talked about jobs, but also retirement. It was nice to see some of our teachers too. Thanks to Alan Charlton, Al Blesch, George Oswald and Bill Cole for attending..

We graduated in the year the movie Rocky premiered, the Seattle Seahawks first took to the field and Apple computers was about to change the world. Then - like now - there was a Prime Minister named Trudeau. There wasn't anyone quite like Donald Trump in the US, but there was Peter Finch famously saying "I'm mad as hell and I'm not going to take this anymore!"

One more thing about our class that has to be some kind of record. 10 people - 10 percent of the class - married each other. Even more amazing -- those 5 couples are all still together!

We celebrated in 1986, 1996 and 2006 before this - but time is passing. We're thinking we might need to make the next party a little earlier - say 2021.

Thank you to the ND Admin for allowing us to host it at the school and to all the organizers!



Class of 1976 Reunion

Class of 2006 Reunion

Ten years: What an amazing night for the Grad Class of 2006 – and it was like a decade had never passed! Close to 80 alumni of 120 were in attendance. Memories and stories were shared walking through the new school where old hallways, classrooms and the cafeteria used to be. A big thank you to Brian Briones, Thomas Ciacchia and Elana Spelling for taking the time to organize the reunion and a very special thank you to Notre Dame for allowing us celebrate and reminisce about the last 10 years in our alma mater. Once a juggler, always a juggler. Cheers to the class of 2006 and the next 10 years!

Brian Briones, Grad '06

Walk-a-thon Success!

The Grade 12 Marketing classes have successfully executed two Walk-a-Thon Campaigns! The funds from the 2015 Walk-a-Thon along with Mr. Charlton's Walk-a-Thon purchased the new School Bus that currently resides in our parking lot.

Our most recent Walk-a-Thon outfitted the many appliances and products necessary for our Foods classroom!! Thank you to all of those who contributed, and to Whirlpool Appliances for their contribution to our Foods classroom.

Reminder to Grads

Please keep the Alumni Association advised about reunions, marriages, babies, important events in lives and please also advise us by email when you know that one of our own has died. Our email: ndalumni@ndalumn.org



Class of 2006 Reunion



Upcoming Reunions

Class of 1996

The 20 year reunion for the class of 1996 will be held at the Brew Street Pub in Port Moody on November 20th from 4pm to 8 pm. Tickets are \$20 and include a drink and burger and fries or salad. It will also be a fundraiser.

Class of 1972

45 YEAR REUNION The Class of 1972 will be having a renunion in 2017. Does the class of '72 prefer May or September for the reunion?

Contact Lana: ltesan@gmail.com

Class of 1982

25 YEAR REUNION - Saturday May 13th, 2017 at the Notre Dame School Cafeteria. Come and see old friends and the new school!

Doors open at 6:00 pm – Midnight
Cost: \$30.00 per person (includes appetizers and a drink).

Cash Bar

RSVP by March 31st, 2017

Please send an E-transfer or cheque to Tilly (DeBoer) Falkenhagen:

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or mail a cheque to :

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Alan's Retirement Party

Coming up June 2nd, 2017

Another icon for a Notre Dame History Book. There is no one quite like Alan. He began his 52 year long tenure at the school in September, 1964. My, like pretty well everyone else's, recollection of our first meeting is of a man who is unique, exuding energy, smart and funny. I also remember being a little

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To say this man is unique is an understatement; to say he was a great gift to Notre Dame is also an understatement. Alan gave freely of his time, energy, and many gifts to the school. As an English teacher he is gifted, as a director of plays he is unbelievable.

There is so much more one could say about this man and we invite you to take a few moments of your time to send him a message of thanks and of your memories to the NDRS Alumni Facebook page at:

We will post them in our next newsletter.



Know your limit, play within it!
19+ to play!

Abeysekera He is also the grandson of Barbara (Murphie) Howell who was a member of the second graduating class (1957) of Notre Dame.

DE LUCA, Professor Carlo J. (1943-2016)

Pioneer in the fields of Electromyography and Biomedical Engineering, born in Bagnoli del Trigno, Italy, resident of Wellesley, MA, passed away July 20, 2016 at the age of 72. Graduate of University of British Columbia, De Luca received his doctorate degree in 1972 from Queen's University in Canada and began his career at the Liberty Mutual Research Centre, serving as Project Director for over 20 years. From 1974 to 1984 he was appointed to the faculties of MIT

of the College of Engineering from 1986 to 1989 and in 2015 he was appointed Professor Emeritus of BU College of Engineering. Strongly committed to the practical translation of technology from the lab to the marketplace, Professor De Luca founded Delsys Inc., global leader in electromyographic sensors, where he served as its President and CEO since 1993. Memorial mass will be held in Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Vancouver, Friday, October 21 at 7:30 p.m. Expressions of sympathy can be made by donation to the Dr. Rebecca Miksad Discretionary Fund, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Centre, 330 Brookline Ave, Boston, MA 02215, USA.

Thank You

The Notre Dame Community extends its thanks to:

The member of the Class of 1969 who donated an endowment of \$50,000 to Notre Dame.

The Interest will be used for the needs of the school.

Karen Eckfellner (Class of 1958) who generously donated \$1,000.00 dollars to Notre Dame.

Mr. William McCarthy who is assisting in the effort to complete the much needed field for Notre Dame.



and Harvard Medical School where he founded the NeuroMuscular Research Laboratory. He then joined Boston University (Professor of Biomedical Engineering, Founder and Director of the NeuroMuscular Research Centre, Research Professor of Neurology, Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, and Professor of Physical Therapy). He served as Dean ad interim

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