

MMC Alumni
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A Look Back - Ron Storozuk, Chair

5 Years of Planning

As summer was showing signs of an early fall in August 1997 my phone rang while I was out in the yard directing my lawn mower.

It was Darlene Lindsay, a teacher at Miles Macdonell Collegiate, telling me she is chairing this 50th MMC Reunion to be held in June 2002. "You have the business skills that could be most helpful to this committee." I do? "Yes, please come out to an informational meeting in the next few weeks and hear our story." She emphasized that at least 15 girls from my graduation class would be there. "Who? I asked. No, don't tell me, let me be surprised."

The surprise to me was not the fact that the 15 girls did remember me but the fact that I stayed for 5 years of pre-planning in a group of 50-60 volunteers that culminated in an outstanding 50th reunion from June 28 to June 30, 2002.

The Reunion Itself

The reunion drew 1600 alumni, guests and teachers from across Canada, the United States, Ireland, Costa Rica and Qatar.

The reunion got underway on Friday evening with a spectacular musical concert under the direction of Zane Zalis, featuring music from the past 50 years. The concert was followed by a wine and cheese reception where alumni and teachers had the opportunity to renew acquaintances.

Saturday featured an open house at the collegiate in the afternoon and a dinner and dance in the evening.

The reunion wrapped up on Sunday with a family picnic and beer garden at Melrose Community Centre.

Feedback: "fantastic", "fabulous", "concert alone was worth the price", "met my former girlfriends"

Resulting Successes in Subsequent Years

-Established a scholarship fund with The Winnipeg Foundation

-from scholarship donations	\$32,040
-from reunion surplus	59,960
	<u>\$92,000</u>

-Donated to MMC

-Music room	\$ 5,000
-Award cabinet	<u>2,500</u>

-Transfer to Alumni Association \$ 6,359

-Incorporation of the Alumni Association of Miles Macdonell Collegiate Inc. on January 28, 2003

-Paid out \$30,000 in scholarships since 2002

-Board of directors formed and regular meetings held to date

-Developed and maintained web site

-Various collegiate projects such as lunches for EAL students and hall benches in EAL area

-Formation of planning committee for 60th reunion in June 2012

-Several fundraising project events

-A number of individual graduate year gatherings

And Now the 60th Reunion Ahead – June 30 and July 1, 2012

Planning continues for the 60th reunion. It has been more difficult to find volunteers this time. The reunion will be slightly different than in 2002. (continued on page 3)

**MMC ALUMNI
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2010 - 2011**

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of the 60th Reunion**

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Gina Staples
Susan Tighe**

Darlene Lindsay
Honorary Chair

School News - V. Laurie, Principal MMC

As school opened in September of 2010, we welcomed 1246 students from grades 10, 11, 12 to the new school year. These students have the opportunity to study in a wide variety of programs; Regular, French Immersion, International Baccalaureate, Vocational (Cosmetology and Health and Human Services), English as an Additional Language and International Education.

In June of 2010, we graduated 348 students and awarded the scholars of this graduating class over one hundred fifty thousand dollars in scholarship monies.

Presently the school is in the midst of construction as we are converting to a wheelchair accessible space. We anticipate the elevators, washrooms, music room and grooming rooms to be ready to go by January 2011.

As is the custom at Miles Macdonell Collegiate, our intramural and interscholastic programs are flourishing. During the 2009-2010 school year, over four hundred of the MMC students were involved in these activities. Already for this school year, we have earned a provincial banner in Junior Varsity Girls Cross Country and our volleyball teams, both Junior Varsity and Varsity, are participating in the KPAC semi-finals and the Provincial Championship.

Our music and visual arts students have just finished performing in a RETSD Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra Outreach Concert on Monday, November 1st. This is the sixth concert of this kind showcasing the artistic and musical talents of the students of the River East Transcona School Division.

One of the school goals for the 2010-2011 school year is the establishment of a Legacy Wall in the school where we can acknowledge and celebrate past students and graduates of Miles Macdonell Collegiate for their significant contributions after leaving MMC. We are in the process of researching protocol for selection as well as what this Honour Board will look like.

For Further information on these or any Miles Macdonell Collegiate news, please feel free to contact me at the school at 667-1103 or via email at vlaurie@retsd.mb.ca

MMC Alumni Newsletter

A Look Back - Ron Storozuk, Chair (continued from page 1)

-Registration on Thursday June 28 and Friday June 29, 2012 at the collegiate

-A musical concert will be held on the evening of June 30, 2012 at the concert hall followed by a wine and cheese reception afterward. The areas will be designated as the 50's, 60's, 70's, 80's, 90's and 2000's enabling alumni to mix by decade and individual year.

-On Sunday July 1 there will be a late morning tea for teachers and then starting at noon the collegiate will have an open house with a sale of novelties. Hot dogs and refreshments will also be available. Starting mid-afternoon the Beer Gardens will get into swing at Melrose Community Centre. We are working on plans for some children activities in the yard.

-We are hoping to use any surplus funds from various projects for the collegiate as well as increase the scholarship fund.

Our Alumni board consists of a number of carry forward volunteers from 2002 (including myself). Several new people have joined over the years.

Looking ahead, we can accomplish much through the 60th Reunion. It will be an opportunity for newer alumni to join in with refreshing new ideas.

Thanks to the dedication of the board members that have served so well since 2003.

Our web site is www.mmcalumni.ca. I look forward to your comments and ideas. Call me at 257-9636.

Alumni Scholarships Awarded

Flowing from the very successful 50th Anniversary Reunion of Miles Macdonell Collegiate in June 2002, a scholarship fund of \$93,000 was established with the Winnipeg Foundation to support graduating students of MMC. Since June 2002, \$30,000 in scholarships have been awarded.

The following students were recipients of the MMC Alumni Scholarships at the Convocation Ceremony of June 25, 2010.

- Bryn Peppler
- David Sytnik
- Stephen Harasym

Join us for "Sisters of the Holy Rock"

Joint fundraising initiative of the MMC Alumni and the June 2011 Graduation Committee:

Sunday, April 10, 2011
MMC Gym A
2:00 pm
\$15.00 / ticket

For tickets or further information:
 Starting January 2011

MMC office	667-1103	Leanne Slobodian	654-1091
Ron Storozuk	782-6306	Jim Smith	669-3469

Alumni - Share Your News!

Have you got a photo or story to tell from your days at Miles Mac? Or from a recent class reunion? How about sharing what has happened since you left MMC? Stories and photos are welcome. Just send your submissions to the attention of the chair using the contact information on Page 1.

Miles Macdonell Collegiate Alumni Memorial “Gone But Not Forgotten” During 2010



<u>Graduating Year</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
1957	Jacqueline Lewis (Storozuk)	February 5, 2010
	Eric Lubosch	September 25, 2010
1960	John Mallin	February 4, 2010
1962	Diane Relkie (Koziarski)	May 16, 2010
1965	Bob Dressel	July 2010
1970	Irwin Baker	June 21, 2010
1977	Larry Bender	February 26, 2010
	Dave McKenna	March 3, 2010
1981	Dave Procak	April 6, 2010
1992	Michael McNeil	November 4, 2010
	Andrea McCaffrey (Sousa)	January 3, 2010
Staff	Frederick Bills	February 10, 2010

We Need You Now—60th Reunion - June 30, 2012 and July 1, 2012

Planning has been in progress for a number of months for the 60th reunion (see separate article).

The planning group has done an excellent job to date but in order to go forward from here we need your help and creative ideas.

It is a huge project. At the 50th reunion we had close to 50 volunteers.

The 50th was a smashing success.

The 60th will also be great.

Call me at 204-257-9636 for more information or mail the clip below to me at:

Ronald N. Storozuk, Alumni Chair
689 Beaverhill Blvd.
Winnipeg, MB R2J 3P2

Our next planning meeting will be held January 17, 2011.

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Yes I am willing to help

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ email _____

(all information will be confidential)