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## **DMCI ALUMNEYE**

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### **ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS**

During the graduation ceremony every June, the alumni association presents a number of scholarships. The monies to pay for these awards come from your donations and the names of the scholarships reflect that fact. The two major alumni scholarships presented are the DMCI Alumni Scholarship and 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Scholarship. This year the recipients were:

<b>Dana Dell</b>	DMCI ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP
<b>Ronellyn Tesoro</b>	75 <sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY SCHOLARSHIP.

The alumni has also added a monetary value to the Merit Awards. The merit award is given to an outstanding student in a particular discipline. This year's winners were:

<b>Chan Duong</b>	ART, MATHEMATICS
<b>Amy Tran</b>	BUSINESS EDUCATION and TECHNOLOGY
<b>Tommy Wong</b>	COMPUTER SCIENCE
<b>Ann Magnayon</b>	ENGLISH, SCIENCE
<b>Patrick Valderama</b>	ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE
<b>Abigail Batingal</b>	HOME ECONOMICS
<b>Christina Teixeira</b>	LANGUAGES
<b>Reece Cramer</b>	MUSIC
<b>Diep Le</b>	PHYSICAL EDUCATION
<b>Matthew Ponech</b>	SOCIAL STUDIES, INDUSTRIAL ARTS

Individual families have established memorial scholarships that are run and managed through the alumni association. Other scholarships, also managed by the association, have been created by family and friends to honour the memory of former staff and/or students.

<b>Jennifer Balzer</b>	TAKEJIRO YAMASHITA MEMORIAL BURSARY
<b>Joel Voth</b>	WILLIAM J.S. BROWN SCHOLARSHIP
<b>Rachel Moffat</b>	THE BEVERLEY WONG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
<b>Lucy Ann Matitu</b>	SHERMAN HIMELBLAU MEMORIAL AWARD
<b>Ann Magnayon</b>	E. M. ARNOTT SCHOLARSHIP
<b>Chan Duong</b>	ELLA RAE HALSALL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The alumni choir has established a separate scholarship.

<b>Aileen Amante</b>	ALUMNAE CHOIR
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# Night at the Yacht Club (*Where were you?*)

The Board of Directors of the DMCI AACE Fund held the first fundraiser of the year at the Tijuana Yacht Club at CanadInns Polo Park on Friday, October 21, 2005. Over 200 alumni, staff, and friends attended the Bud, Spud and Steak night at the club. Everyone in attendance enjoyed themselves and left the event wondering when the next fundraiser will be taking place. Attendees at the festivities had the opportunity to purchase silent auction tickets on a variety of gift baskets and certificates as well as a TV, VCR and golf package.

The Board would like to acknowledge all the companies who contributed to the prize table including, The Fort Garry Hotel; Step 'N Out restaurant; Thrifty Car Rental; Caserra Tile; Nakina Electronics; Kelekis; CanadInns Polo Park; Petro Canada; Costume Museum of Canada; Framing and Art Centre, Grant Park; Three Sisters Teahouse; and Rouge hair salon. A number of board members donated prizes valued at over \$100. Staff from the mathematics department, alumni members, and the student council also donated items for the silent auction.

The event was very successful raising over \$3000.00 for the AACE Fund and started the ball rolling towards the 85<sup>th</sup> reunion in April of 2008.

Many more fundraisers are being planned in the near future including a spring garage sale at the school and more enjoyable evenings like the one just past. For more information on how to become involved please contact the school or log on the DMCI AACE website at [www.dmcialumni.org](http://www.dmcialumni.org)

## ALUMNI CONTRIBUTIONS December, 2004 – November, 2005

As a result of this year's donations, the Donor Wall will have 17 new names added to it and 30 changes will be made in moving names from one category to another. The following people have made financial contributions in the past year.

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Ellen Brownstone  
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85<sup>TH</sup> REUNION  
APRIL 2008**

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## **Board Elects New President; Appoints Honorary Life Member**

The annual general meeting of the DMCI alumni association was held on April 25, 2005 at the school. The meeting featured the election of Doug Sargeant as the new president of the Board of Directors and the appointment of Mary Kelekis as an honorary life member of the board. Mary's appointment was made in recognition of her outstanding contributions to the alumni association over the years.

During the meeting those in attendance also recognized the efforts of outgoing president Joyce Wawrykow, who had started her affiliation with the board when she served as co-chair of the 75<sup>th</sup> reunion celebrations, and secretary Elphie Curtis, who also became affiliated with the board at the time of the 75<sup>th</sup> reunion, serving as the secretary for the committee.

Franco Petrelli was elected as a new board member. He had served previously as the head of the Alumni Fund Raising Committee. Returning members are: Joyce Wawrykow, Past President; Gilles Beaumont, Vice President (Principal of Daniel); Ione McMahon, Treasurer; Heather Johnson, Recording Secretary; Bev Sorensen and John Lawler, Staff Representatives; and Ted Letkemann, Bill Kilfoyle

and Grant Simms, Members-at-Large.

Reports from the fundraising, newsletter, scholarship, archival and nominating committees were submitted as well as the Treasurer's Report.

### **Greetings from the President**

We hope that you were able to enjoy some time with your family this summer or to visit other parts of our country. To the most recent DMCI graduates—our newest alumni—welcome to the Alumni Association. We hope you enjoy this latest edition of the *DMCI AlumnEye*.

As we move forward into a new year I personally wish to thank Joyce Wawrykow for her tireless efforts over the past seven years as President of the association. Joyce will, of course, remain active on the executive as Past President to assist the efforts of the Alumni Association.

Our association, like any other, requires support to maintain our scholarship program and to fund activities for the current DMCI student body. The executive works hard to fundraise and to find the dollars to continue with all of our projects. We do also need support from our membership. Mailing costs for this newsletter alone have risen, as have other costs absorbed by the association.

We thank our members who have agreed to receive the newsletter via email. We expect to save significant dollars. For those who are able to receive the newsletter by email, please send relevant information (name, email address, etc.) to [info@dmcialumni.org](mailto:info@dmcialumni.org). As well, please send your ideas for future newsletter articles or fundraising events.

Please also consider a donation to the Alumni Association. Donations are tax deductible and contributions will be acknowledged on the donor wall at the school.

Don't forget that the 85<sup>th</sup> reunion is only 881 days away. An event of this magnitude requires volunteer support and if you are interested and able to participate on the planning committee, please forward your information via email to the address provided above.

*Doug Sargeant*



### **NEEDED ! !**

The archival committee would like your memorabilia. We're looking for yearbooks, programs, sweaters, pins, photos, beanies, banners—any material that you have that relates to the history of Daniel. Contact us at [info@dmcialumni.org](mailto:info@dmcialumni.org)



# Alumni News from Near and Far

## “The Tour” keeps alumni in touch

Eighteen years ago, five alumni, Dwight (class of 75) and Derek (76) Chatterley, Gary Schulz, (77) Lester Davis (non alumnus), along with Tim Letkemann (76) and I (Ted Letkemann) decided to plan a golf trip to the as yet undiscovered golf world outside Manitoba. The first trip was to Kananaskis, Alberta, in June, 1988 (two weeks after my first daughter was born.....boy did I pay for that). News soon leaked out that this could be a very good time and the golf trip has been an annual event ever since.

Since that first trip, “The Tour”, as it has become known by the participants, has fluctuated between 12 to 20 participants annually, depending on locale and dates. While the original core group of five alumni has remained, it has also seen a host

of other DMCI alumni participate. My brother Tim and I had remained in touch with many alumni through sports and other associations, but as careers drew people out of province, the tour has been a means of keeping in touch. When planning would begin early each spring, The Tour provided the opportunity to contact a number of former acquaintances and alumni such as Harald Asu (75), Charlie Fraser (75), Guy Berngards (75), Marc Loechner (81), Joe Gaspar (77,) Peter Hucal (76), Tony Ianonne (75) and Devon Daley (husband of Diane Joseph (77).

I'll only highlight a couple of the guys this time: **Dwight Chatterley** class of 75, married Jo-Ann Stuart, a non-alumnus and eventually moved to Vancouver (he prefers that I reference White Rock) where he is Regional Director for Relizon Canada. He has a 10-year-old son Sam, and

when Dwight isn't working the two of them spend an inordinate amount of time on the golf course (that's just sour grapes because Dwight has won the tournament too often). He still keeps in touch with alumni Bill Collette (Vancouver) Charlie Fraser (Kelowna) and Peter Hucal (Vancouver). **Guy Berngards**, class of 75, a past member of the DMCI football team “O” line, is Director of Company Operations for Burger King Canada. Guy and his wife Terry have lived in Richmond Hill (Toronto) for the past 10 years. Guy has one stepson and along with Freddy the Beagle, he says he has no time for any other children which I can attest to as he is constantly working....when he is not golfing. He keeps in touch with alumni Margaret Wolstencroft (nee Goodman), Charlie Fraser and the “Chad’s”. More on the tour and its alumni next time.....

## Alumnus makes headlines for extraordinary donation to the U of M

DMCI alumnus Clayton Riddell (class of 1955) was in the news earlier this year following his \$10 million donation to the University of Manitoba to create an endowment fund for the recently formed Faculty of Environment, Earth, and Resources (now named the Clayton H. Riddell Faculty of Environment, Earth, and Resources). Clayton graduated from the University of Manitoba with a B.Sc. Hons in Geology in 1959 and went on to become a pioneering geologist, discovering and developing major new gas fields in northeastern Alberta. He founded Alberta energy company Paramount Resources where he is chairman and chief executive officer.

The \$10 million endowment fund will be used to recruit and retain top quality faculty members, offer research grants, develop new areas of curriculum, and establish scholarships for outstanding undergraduate and graduate students.

## Maisie's Memories

Earlier this year we received a letter from Maisie, an alumnus from the early 1940s, filled with many memorable moments from her days at Daniel, especially those involving some of the teachers from that era. She recalled taking chemistry with Mr. McLeod, who always called the boys in his class by their last name. On one occasion, Maisie writes that Mr. McLeod directed a question to Ken Honey and afterwards commented that it was the first time he'd ever called

anyone 'honey' in school! Maisie says Mr. McLeod was also known for unforgettable gems like "never argue with someone who is too stupid to understand." Although Maisie says she never learned a thing about chemistry that was no reflection on Mr. McLeod's teaching abilities. "He was an excellent teacher. I never forgot him."

Classmates of Maisie's are also likely to share some of her other memories of staff members. "There was Mr. McCabe who had a funny voice due to having been

gassed during the first World War; lovely Miss Long with the beautiful smile who taught art; and Miss Smith who strutted around the music class swinging her kilt as we sang "A Hundred Pipers."

No doubt these stories will trigger other recollections amongst class members from the 1940s and we'd love to hear from you. We appreciate the notes and letters sent to us by alumni members and we thank Maisie for taking the time to share her memories.

## Alumni Receive Awards

Three alumni were honoured this past May when they were inducted into the Manitoba Softball Hall of Fame.

**Joe Shaddy** attended DMCI in the thirties. He started playing ball at that time and played on various teams. Joe had his best years on the mound when he played for the Globelite Batteries senior team from 1944 to 1947. He played for a brief period after his marriage in 1948, finishing his career pitching for the Maxwell King Whirlaways of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century Community Softball League from 1950-51.

**Janet (Beckwith) Vickery** was a track star when she attended Daniel in the early forties. As a softball player she originally played left field for the Fort Rouge Cardinals but when she moved to the St. Vital Tigerettes she became a shortstop where she proved to be an outstanding defensive player for the rest of her career. Janet was one of the team's leading hitters, at times posting averages of .417 and .348. She was the only player named to the first all-start team in the first three Winnipeg Free Press official all-star team polls.

**Doreen (Ingram) Thomas** attended DMCI in 1954 along with her twin sister Diane. Together they played for the CUAC Blues of the Greater Winnipeg Senior Girls League along with their older sister Joan. Doreen was only 15 when she pitched her first senior game at Osborne Stadium. In 1957 Doreen was named to the all-star team as the Blues won the senior girls championship and the Western Canada final, where she won twice in the four-game sweep. In the years that followed she continued to pitch the team into provincial championships and Western Canada playdowns. She was also an excellent fielder, could hit and run the bases well and she occasionally played both the infield and outfield. An all-around athlete, Doreen moved to Saskatchewan with her husband in 1960 where she curled on three provincial championship teams and was a member of the Saskatchewan team that won the Canadian senior ladies championship in 1992. Doreen passed away in 1995 and was posthumously named to the softball hall of fame in 2005.

## Alumni News from Near and Far cont'd

### FORMER STAFF RECEIVE RECOGNITION

**Madeleine Enns** taught at Daniel in the 1990s. She is one of two Canadian writers to be included in the latest volume of *Chicken Soup for the Soul: Stories for a Better World*. The series contains short inspirational stories that show that the world can be changed for the better through the actions of “average” individuals. Madeleine’s story, entitled Concepcion’s Circle, relates a story she heard in 1994 when she was volunteering to accompany Guatemalan refugees back to their villages after eight years of exile in Mexico. The story tells about a Guatemalan woman who stood up to the soldiers marching into her village.

**Lee Cameron** taught English at Daniel from 1969-1972. She retired from teaching to raise her family and pursue a career in art. Lee passed away in October 2004. This fall a special presentation of her work was mounted at the Pavilion Gallery Museum in Winnipeg’s Assiniboine Park. As part of the tribute to honour her memory, the second floor gallery space will be named “The Friends of Lee Cameron” Gallery for one year, allowing works of other artists to be shown during that time.

**Gerrie Faris** taught at DMCI from 1965-1983. This May she was one of the players honoured when members of six softball teams from early on in the CUAC Blues dynasty were inducted into the Manitoba Softball Hall of Fame. Gerrie pitched for the Blues during the summer when schools weren’t in session. Her favourite memory is pitching an extra innings game against the St. Vital Tigerettes and winning.

### INSIDE DANIEL: SCHOOL DAYS OR DAZE?

In with the new, and out with the old. The new school year is well under way, but many students and staff are still feeling the effects of Hollywood’s first forays into the halls of Daniel Mac. In June and in late August, two films were shot at Daniel. In June, students were able to see what it takes to make a movie. Our wide halls and other distinctive architectural features will soon be seen on the big screen. Room 15, on the first floor, was decorated to look like the Hollywood version of a late 1950s English classroom. Alumnus Harry Edwards, who once taught English in this very room, might be quite pleased by this remake. When students were not trying to get a glimpse at a



Hollywood's version of a 50s English classroom.

Hollywood star, they could be found trying their hand at acting, as extras. The second film included one scene in which the gym was converted to an infirmary complete with gurneys. It was rather disconcerting to watch these mobile beds being wheeled down the DMCI

hallways after the filming was over. With acclaimed Daniel alumnus Guy Maddin continuing to serve as a role model perhaps some of our present students may also enter the world of entertainment. Maddin’s film on Roberto Rossellini was recently presented on the Documentary channel.



Room 15 50s style.

## **Inside Daniel cont'd**

There are many new faces among the 980 students teeming through the halls this year. After the first few days when students and teachers acquainted and reacquainted themselves with the school, everyone got down to the business at hand. In a few weeks the first term report cards will be sent out. Some things never change. Students still await them nervously no matter how confident they are of their skills. Daniel continues to offer a wide choice of courses ranging from Advanced Placement English, Mathematics, and Psychology to courses in Guitar and Drama. Industrial Arts continues to meet the challenge of new technologies with offerings such as Robotics. Business courses also remain

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popular with such courses as Microsoft Certification.

Our choirs are busy as they prepare for another year of their very popular performances. Many of our talented singers will also be appearing in this year's musical production of *Grease*. The volleyball season is well under way and our teams are doing well. Students are also eagerly awaiting basketball tryouts. Two former Daniel players, Erfan Nasajpour and Dwight Brissett, are playing for the University of Winnipeg this year. Erfan is also a member of Canada's National junior team. Dwight was also a member of the Daniel cricket team. Several former students including Sammy Armogan, Shon Armogan, Ian Pich, Pedro Mota, and Dong Phu , received awards for their cricket skills at this Fall's Provincial

Cricket Banquet. Sammy won the batting title and the team won the runner-up trophy.

Teachers and students took time to prepare for Remembrance Day. As new students, many of whom are from countries far from Canada, pass by the Memorial Alcove, they can often be heard asking about what it is for. Just as we must not forget what those brave Danielites did, we believe that it is our duty to share their contributions with future generations.

## **WE NEED YOU! And your support**

Revive your school spirit. Take an active part in supporting your school!

I wish to make a donation to the Alumni Fund in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make cheques payable to the DMCI AACE Fund, Inc. Mailing address: DMCI AACE Fund, Inc. P.O. Box 2475, Winnipeg, MB R3C 4A7

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## **Help Us to Help You**

In the past many of you have sought information about friends and classmates with whom you have lost touch. We have tried our best to accommodate your requests.

However, as a result of the privacy law, we cannot forward the information directly to you. We must first contact the

individuals and forward your requests. It is then up to those individuals to contact you if they so desire.

Unfortunately, in some cases, when your request has been forwarded to the address we have in our records, we find that the address is no longer valid. We, therefore, encourage all of you to

keep your information in the alumni records updated.

It is also impossible for us to release the names and addresses of whole classes or years for reunions. The only thing we can do is put the request and information about the reunion on the alumni web site and in the newsletter.

### **Class of '81 25<sup>th</sup> Reunion**

Members of the class of 1981 are planning a 25-year reunion for the second weekend in June 2006. Classmates from adjoining years will also be welcome to attend. If you would like more information, please contact Corey Robinson at (204) 268-4318.



### **Volunteers needed for the 2008 Reunion**

The 85<sup>th</sup> reunion is your opportunity to offer your time and expertise to help in the planning of another memorable DMCI reunion, planned for April 4, 5, 6, 2008.

Please complete and submit the form below to the DMCI AACE Fund, Inc. P.O. Box 2475, Winnipeg, MB R3C 4A7

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