

DMCI AlumnEYE

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Preserving a special place of honour

An ambitious project is underway to refurbish and preserve the Memorial Alcove and all it represents in the history of DMCI.

Many alumni will remember the alcove; some may even remember the Honour Roll and bronze memorial plaque that hung on the wall in the south end of the main hallway before the alcove came into existence. All of us are aware of the importance of honouring those Danielites who have served our country.

A look back

Throughout the decades, Daniel students and staff have been an integral part of preserving and honouring the memories of these individuals. The Honour Roll Committee collected and verified all 2420 names of students who served from 1939 to 1945. The lettering was done by a former teacher, not once but twice, when the Honour Roll was destroyed in the St. Matthew's Church fire in 1944.

The Honour Roll Committee later merged with the War Memorial Committee, establishing a war memorial fund to which relatives of the servicemen, and past and present students and teachers contributed. This effort led the committee to decide "that a bronze plaque bearing the names of the 205 who were killed should be revealed at the next Remembrance Day Service" (November 11, 1947). It was also proposed that there be a Memorial Window which, combined with the Honour Roll and bronze Memorial Plaque, would be a fitting memorial for those who served and those who died.

The original intent had been that the Honour Roll, Memorial Plaque and Memorial Window be placed in an alcove in the Memorial Library which would be part of a new wing to be added to the school. That new wing and Memorial Library were never built, but plans for a Memorial Alcove proceeded.

Staff and students collected money and commissioned Leo Mol to create the Memorial Window. The stairwell giving access to the quadrangle was covered, the stained glass window was installed and the Honour Roll and Memorial Plaque were moved into the space. The Memorial Alcove was opened in 1958 with a ceremony in the auditorium and a formal "walk by".

New lighting, flooring planned

Now 52 years later it is time to refurbish the alcove so that it will continue to be a place of quiet reverence. The Alumni Board sought the input of a professional designer and in discussion with the school administration, it was decided to adopt some of the suggestions and move forward in a cooperative effort.

The plans call for lighting the stained glass from behind which would allow the window to be viewed without shadow. The lighting will also be arranged to cut the glare on the Honour Scrolls. It is hoped that the bronze plaques can be cleaned so the names may be read more easily. The floor tiles will be replaced with wood flooring and baseboards matching the original colour of the wood in the school. Wainscoting and gates will complete the upgrading. Work will commence soon with a tentative completion date of November 2010.

You can play a valuable part in this important project. We encourage you to make a charitable donation and continue the tradition of involvement of past and present students and staff in preserving the Memorial Alcove as an enduring part of DMCI's history. A donation form is on page 5.

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Message from the President

It has been a while since I last had the opportunity to update you on the activities of your alumni association. Once again we have had a busy year and I want to highlight some of the projects and activities currently in progress or upcoming.

At the top of the list is our decision as an alumni board to support the renewal of the memorial alcove as described on page one. This is a project that I know will be close to the hearts of alumni young and old and I encourage everyone to support this joint initiative between the alumni association and the school administration with a financial contribution. As an association it is important to remember and honour our schoolmates who have served our country, many of whom made the ultimate sacrifice, and ensure that they are never forgotten. Donations can be made to the AACE Fund and all contributions over \$10 are tax deductible. Work on the alcove will begin soon and a rededication ceremony is tentatively scheduled for November 2010.

During the graduation ceremonies in June, the alumni association awarded scholarships and merit awards totalling over \$8500 to 21 students. These presentations are made possible through the generosity of alumni donors and your continuing commitment to support graduating students as they prepare to pursue post secondary education is greatly appreciated and an important reminder of how we can make a difference.

For those of you who enjoyed our Bud, Spud and Steak fundraisers a few years ago (and those who were unable to make it), it's time to mark your calendars for our next one scheduled for Friday, November 12, 2010 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at CanadInns Polo Park. Bud, Spud and Steak 2010 will feature the always popular steak dinner along with a silent auction and a host of other prize draws during the evening. Tickets will be available starting in September from board members or by calling the school. The ticket price is \$15 per person or two for \$25. Bring a friend and come out and meet new and old alumni members. The last time we did this we raised nearly \$2,500 – making it a true FUNdraiser!

At our Annual General Meeting (AGM) on April 26, 2010, we welcomed two new board members. Heidi Schattschneider and Lorraine Ilagan are not only DMCI alumni, they are also

currently teaching at Daniel giving them a unique perspective on life at the school both past and present. In fact, Heidi and Lorraine are part of a small group of Daniel alumni who are now faculty members (see page 4).

On a different note we said goodbye and thank you at the AGM to long time board member and former staff member Bev Sorensen who is moving on to enjoy more time for travel and well deserved relaxation; although I am sure that she will still be seen roaming the hallways at Daniel and continuing to help us out when we need some advice. Bev has been a tireless board member and her passion for the school and the alumni is evident in all that she has done on behalf of the association over the years. Dare I say that our meetings won't be the same without her?

A challenging economy coupled with the cost of producing and distributing a print newsletter means that we must continue to limit the number of print issues of the *DMCI AlumnEYE* to one a year, supplemented by an online edition once or twice a year. If you have internet access please forward your email address to info@dmcialumni.org so that we can add you to our distribution list. Please remember that we are always interested in receiving news from alumni to include in the newsletter – be it an update on what you've been doing since you left Daniel or memories from your days at DMCI. Please send your photos and stories to the editors via the contact information on page one. We'd love to hear from you.

As I write this, September is just around the corner. I hope that you had a safe and wonderful summer with opportunities to share time with family and friends. The halls at Daniel will soon be filled with students once again. Your Board of Directors will continue to work on behalf of the alumni to support projects and activities that help to enrich life at the school and the lives of those proud to call themselves Danielites.

Keep in touch. I hope to see many of you at the Bud, Spud and Steak night in November.

Regards,

Doug Sargeant, President
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The DMCI Golden Girls of 1959



Photo from the June 2009 gathering. Front Row L-R: Gaye (Welsh) Bell, Gail (Hardy) Goodman, Karen (Perlmutter) LeGoff, Eleanor (Phelps) Gibson, Carole (Ingram) Cockrell, Dorothy (Pilgrim) Weldon, Sherrill (Harrison) Thompson, Noel (Mazur) Wagner, Sherley (Storry) Mainella, Grace (Nelson) Ahrens, Marilyn (Peary) Adams, Luba (Klymkiw) Harasym, Valerie (Gardner) Anderson.

Back Row L-R: June (Hawthorne) Kirby, Linda (Smith) Laxdal, Joan (Stafford) Powell, Joyce (Maringer) Wawrykow, Carol (Hornbeck) Halligan, Joanne (Walker) Gillan, Judith (Morris) Hamilton, Lorraine (March) Magnus, Irene (Ryback) Hamerton, Judy (Wheatley) Gaudreau.

Missing from photo: Bonnie (Grant) Korzeniowski, Gladys Maringer, Marlene (Melnik) Murray.

On the evening of June 4, 2009 in the beautiful setting of the Breezy Bend Country Club, 27 women – graduates of 1959 and guests – met to catch up on where the past 50 years had taken them, their classmates and teachers.

Amid laughter, tears and a steadily rising decibel level, we enjoyed a lovely dinner and each others' company. By dessert the rain stopped and the sun came out, giving us a great photo opportunity outdoors.

Credit for the original idea of this reunion goes to Joyce Wawrykow, inspired by Daniel's 85th Anniversary Reunion in April 2008. In March 2009, Joyce, Gaye Bell, Luba Harasym and Linda Laxdal met to start planning. Many emails and phone calls later this wonderful event came about!

Special thanks to Joyce for her part in making this reunion a smashing success: her contagious enthusiasm, the display of souvenirs and memorabilia, and taped music from the late '50s.

With a proposal to make the first Thursday in June a standing reservation for all who could be there in the future, the group did just that in 2010, reuniting for a subsequent dinner on June 17. Judging from the comments that evening and the follow-up emails, it was another success! This event has all the signs of becoming an annual happening.

Those interested in future events are asked to contact Gaye Bell, Linda Laxdal, Joyce Wawrykow or Luba Harasym.

-Submitted by Luba Harasym

Alumni—Share your News! Have you got a photo or story to tell from your days at Daniel? Or from a recent class reunion? How about sharing what you've been up to since you left DMCI? Stories and photos are welcome. Just send your submissions to the attention of the newsletter editors using the contact information on page 1. Submissions may be edited for length and style.

Remembering Norma Busby

On a sunny, crisp fall afternoon in the quadrangle at DMCI a dedication ceremony was held for a tree planted in memory of alumnus Norma Busby ('48). Several members of Norma's family, including children and grandchildren, along with family friends and past and present alumni board members attended the ceremony on October 13.

Following a performance by a jazz choir member, alumni board president Doug Sargeant spoke briefly about Norma's life and her lifelong commitment to Daniel Mac, that began in her days as a student in the 1940s and continued on as four of Norma's seven children attended Daniel, and later when she became an active member of the alumni board.

"As an alumni association we have only commemorated a few members with special memorials, and we are very happy to include our alumnus Norma in this group," said Doug. "Norma was active in our association right up to the time of her passing. Whether it was organizing a newsletter stuffing or serving on a com-



Members of Norma Busby's family gather around the tree dedicated in her honour.

mittee for one of the reunions we could and did count on Norma to be there. Norma passed away on April 8, 2008 just short of our 85th reunion celebrations later that month. She was not there is person but her spirit was there in full."

The ceremony ended with the unveiling of a granite marker alongside the tree. The plaque was generously donated by Larsen's Memorials Ltd.

In a note of thanks sent following the ceremony, the Busby family expressed their appreciation to the association for acknowledging Norma's contributions.

"The memoriam is a wonderful tribute to her life and work with the alumni and we will treasure it for years to come." This spring a few family members stopped by the school to view the tree once again and place the granite plaque in its permanent holder adjacent to the tree.



From Daniel students to Daniel teachers

Ever wondered what it would be like to teach at your alma mater? This group is doing just that—all are Daniel grads who are now literally at the head of the class teaching in various departments at DMCI. In a future issue we hope to feature more about what it's like to experience life at Daniel from both sides of the teacher's desk.

Back row (l-r): Nick Malandrakis, Jason Poponne, Sandra Vieira, Heidi Schattschneider.

Front row (l-r): Danis Machado, Analee Pangan, Julie Popke, Lorraine Ilagan.

Alumnus Olga Zaporzan, now a Daniel Vice-principal, took the photo.

Donor Wall keeps growing

Preparations are underway to update the Donor Wall. There will be 31 new names added, in addition to several more that will be placed in the *In Memory* section. Another 21 individuals whose names already appear on the wall will be moved into different categories, having achieved the donation amounts required for those levels. Individuals featured on the wall have contributed from \$100 to more than \$25,000.

It is hoped that the updates will be completed by the end of the year. Updating the wall is a labour of love and a labour intensive effort undertaken by volunteers. It requires all the names to be removed, new names added or existing names moved, and then placed back on the wall in their respective categories (and in alphabetical order!). The wall now features 512 names so it is a significant task. Understandably this work is best achieved when the school is empty so as not to interfere with the flow of students through the hallway where the Donor Wall is located.

Thank you to all of our donors for your support; and for those of you waiting to see your name on the wall, your patience is appreciated.

2009 – 2010 Contributors

G. Glen Adams	Gladys Oelkers
Marjorie (Mowat) Anderson	Joseph Ogoms
Thomas W. Beggs	Eleanor S. Ormiston
Robert and Linda Burfoot	Franco Petrelli
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WE NEED YOU! And your support

Keep your school spirit alive. Take an active part in supporting DMCI!

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

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

Please print name as it should appear on donor wall (for donations of \$100 or more). Max 35 letters including spaces

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Town: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

The following items were submitted by staff members regarding activities at the school.



Celebration of the Arts

On the evening of Thursday, June 10, DMCI held its annual "Celebration of the Arts." There was a display of artworks by the Visual Arts students and the Graphic Arts students. As well, the lifeskills class submitted artworks for display. There was also a fashion show of garments created by the Fibre Arts students. The display of artworks continued during the school day on Friday, June 11.

Soccer anyone?

The Varsity Boys Soccer team at DMCI had its share of thrills and spills in 2009/2010. The indoor season began with the arrival of a new coach, Ian Dixon, and a host of new players as only five returned from the previous year to compete in a strong A division featuring the entire city's best teams.

The team started the campaign with six straight losses but won six of eight to close out the season. The boys were eliminated in the playoffs by the eventual champions, CSSE, a group of young soccer academy players allowed to compete in the high school league for the first time.

Thankfully, and by contrast, the outdoor season didn't suffer the slow start. The squad went undefeated in the regular season with seven wins and a tie to eventual league winner Kelvin.

With over 40 goals, forward Erick Cornejo was named offensive player of the year and Amare Ojwato was named defensive player of the year.

DMCI Blitz Night

The Daniel McIntyre Grad Committee held its annual Blitz Night on Wednesday, May 19. This is the day the Grade 12 students come to purchase tickets for the Grad Dinner & Dance. A successful evening was accentuated with the presence of two representatives of the DMCI Alumni Board. President Doug Sargeant and School Representative Marina McCaffrey were on hand to introduce the future alumni to the DMCI Alumni Committee. A new initiative was taken as students were asked to fill out ballot forms to win a free Dinner and Dance ticket. This year the Alumni Committee donated four Dinner and Dance tickets. The lucky winners of the draw were Paul Nicholson, Paula Kim, Aldrin Sayuno and Thanh Nguyen.



From your home to ours

Looking for a permanent home for your DMCI memorabilia? The Archive Committee is always in search of items to add to its growing collection of acquisitions, including sweaters, jackets, crests, yearbooks, beanies, photos, school newspapers—you name it, we'll take it!

Items are used in display panels during special events, placed on display in the school for current students and visitors to enjoy, or safely preserved within the alumni office at the school for future reference. All acquisitions add to the knowledge and resources available regarding the history of DMCI.

Contact members of the Alumni Committee via the main contact information for the alumni association provided on page 1.



Elsie (Evans) Hignell (left) and Joyce (Maringer) Wawrykow show off their Daniel duds—a tunic (yes, Elsie can still fit into her tunic!) and Joyce's jacket from the 1956-57 basketball team. Go Maroons Go!



Alumni Scholarships Awarded

Presented at the June 29 graduation ceremony:

Scholarships funded by DMCI alumni:

Daniel McIntyre Alumni Scholarship (\$1300) – Presented to a graduating student with reasonable or better academic standing and accepted into a post-secondary program.

2010 recipient: PJ Perez

Alumni 75th Scholarship (\$1000) – Awarded to a student with reasonable academic standing who has made a contribution to the school and to the graduating class in some unique way and has been accepted into a post-secondary program.

2010 recipient: Mary Lam

Alumni Merit Scholarships (\$325 each) – Presented to students who receive the Merit Awards for high achievement in specific subject areas.

Charizze Domingo	<i>Art</i>
Randall Soriano	<i>Business Education and Technology</i>
Neil Marzo	<i>Computer Science</i>
Rebecca Gomes	<i>English</i>
Yassin Salah	<i>English as an Additional Language</i>
Hannah Thiessen	<i>Home Economics</i>
Ryan Paterson	<i>Industrial Arts</i>
Matthew Dilley	<i>Languages</i>
Camy Tran	<i>Mathematics</i>
Matthew Dilley	<i>Music</i>
Alexander Sharp	<i>Physical Education</i>
PJ Perez	<i>Science</i>
Lee Gawryluk & Ingrid Ruiz	<i>Social Studies</i>

Scholarship funds managed by the Alumni Association:

E.M. Arnott Scholarship – Presented to a graduating student who has demonstrated leadership, tolerance towards others and academic proficiency. *Established in memory of a former principal.* **2010 recipient:** Ann Direito

William J.S. Brown Scholarship – Presented to a graduating student who has high academic standing, exceptional talent in music or the performing arts and wishes to further these studies at a post-secondary institution. *Established by the Brown family in memory of their husband and father who was a graduate of Daniel.*

2010 recipient: Yvanne Dandan

Ella Rae Halsall Memorial Scholarship – Presented to a graduating student interested in sciences. *Established in memory of Ella Rae who attended Daniel.* **2010 recipient:** Camy Tran

Sherman Himelblau Memorial Award – Presented to a graduating student who has contributed in the areas of drama and music and demonstrated strong leadership qualities. *Established to honour the memory of a teacher.* **2010 recipient:** Jessica Smith

John Lawler Memorial Scholarship – Presented to a graduating student from the English as an Additional Language Program. *Established to honour the memory of a teacher.* **2010 recipient:** Nohom Bitsuamlak

Shirley Storry Scholarship – Presented to a student who exemplifies citizenship and shows an interest in the field of education. *Established in Shirley's memory by James Storry.* **2010 recipient:** Yvanne Dandan

Beverly Wong Memorial Scholarship – Presented to a graduating student who has a reasonable academic standing, exhibited qualities of good citizenship and is interested in a post-secondary child care training program. *Established by the Wong family in memory of their daughter and sister.* **2010 recipient:** Rebecca Gomes

Takejiro Yamashita Memorial Bursary – Recognizes a graduating student for participation in many facets of high school life while maintaining academic excellence. *Established by the Yamashita family to honour their father.* **2010 recipient:** Jonathan Paguia

Joe Ogoms Award – Presented to a graduating student who was involved in inter-scholastic athletics and is pursuing a post-secondary education. *Established by Joe, a DMCI alumnus.* **2010 recipient:** Alexander Sharp

Barbara Thomasson Award – Helps a student on their way to post-secondary learning. *Established by Barbara, a former teacher at Daniel.* **2010 recipient:** Mary Dau

Nico Villanueva Award – Presented to a graduating student who has an interest in math and/or accounting with excellent overall academic abilities, exceptional attitude, an interest in athletics and a desire to pursue post-secondary education. **2010 recipient:** Alexander Sharp

Johann Generao “Unorthodox” Art Award of Excellence – Presented to a graduating student who is pursuing an education in the “Arts”. **2010 recipient:** Nathaniel Regaldo

Make it a date!

Join us for
Bud, Spud and Steak 2010



- When:** Friday, November 12, 2010 — 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- Where:** CanadInns Polo Park, 1405 St. Matthews Ave.
- Why:** Enjoy time with alumni old and new and help raise funds for alumni association programs and activities at the school.
- Who:** DMCI alumni (plus those who just wish they were), family and friends.
- Tickets:** Available from alumni board members (email dmcialumni.org) or contact the school at 783-7131.
- Price:** \$15/person or two tickets for \$25.

Steak Dinner—Door Prizes—Silent Auction—And More!