



# Musings

*“Keeping Malvernites in Touch”*

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From the Malvern Red and Black Society

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*Opening Ceremony 24 May 2003*

## WHAT TO EXPECT AT THE MALVERN C.I. AT 110 REUNION PLEASE REGISTER NOW AND KEEP THIS COPY FOR REFERENCE

We know that you need some details about the upcoming Reunion so that you can make plans and pre-register by 30 April 2013, but preferably much sooner – like today! PLEASE PRE-REGISTER SO THAT WE DO NOT HAVE LONG LINES ON 11 MAY. You can order a sandwich lunch by 30 April too, but at the door we are taking registrations only. Your mail-in form for cheques is with the snail mailing of the *Musings*, and you may also register and pay electronically at [www.eventbrite.ca](http://www.eventbrite.ca). You may also sign up for a pre-ordered lunch (\$10) and for any auxiliary event that you wish to attend (no fee) on the Registration Form or the Eventbrite site. We are charging \$30 per person for the Reunion itself because the TDSB does not subsidize reunions (and we cannot run into debt for equipment, etc.) and because you will get a copy of the *Malvern at 110* book and a program. Everyone needs to register to get a name tag, the book, and a program at the Registration Desk in the cafeteria. Only those people who are companions to the elderly or disabled will be able to get in for free. Nametags will be worn inside the school. If you have questions, please email us or phone us: our email is [redandblack@malverncollegiate.com](mailto:redandblack@malverncollegiate.com) and our Hotline for messages is 416 393-8683. We will respond to all inquiries. We really need you to register now!!

Inside is a day by day account of what to expect...

### Friday 10 May 2013

All day on Friday, the school will be a beehive of activity, especially from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. Alumni who are volunteers will be working with the students to set up the entire school for the Reunion. If you want to volunteer, this is a good time to do it. Then you can spend all day Saturday with your friends. We hope all of this work will be completed by 6:00 p.m. on Friday.

There is a committee to set up all of the signage in the Parking Lot, halls, stairways, doors, and Decade Rooms. Archival displays will be set up in the Library and in the Archives Room. Sports displays will be set up in the large Gym. We hope to have displays of student work also. The Registration desks will be set up at one end of the Cafeteria. The Auditorium will need to be prepared for the Opening Ceremony. A tent is being erected on the south side of the school for the refreshments, i.e., pickup of pre-ordered lunches and sale of drinks on the day. An area for picking up "Malvern C.I. at 110" souvenirs will be set up.

### Saturday 11 May 2013

Early on Saturday, the first volunteers to arrive will be those who are staffing the North Parking Lot. It will open at 8:30 a.m. for those who are on our list for Parking Passes. Please enter from Swanwick Avenue. If you are elderly (at Malvern before 1950) or disabled, please request a parking pass: call 416 393-8683 and leave your name, grad year, and phone number, and we will put you on our Parking Pass List, which will be used at the Gate. If you are able to walk, please park on one of the side streets. We are making arrangements with the Toronto Police not to ticket cars on the side streets that weekend.

Malvernites from the 1930s and 1940s should enter Malvern by the North Door as your registration will be in the hall by that door. The 1930s/40s Decade Room will be in the Library, and your lunch will be served there, too. The Auditorium and washrooms are on the same floor. The 50s Decade Rooms will also be on the Ground Floor. Please contact us soon if you have major accessibility issues.

For decades above 1940, Registration will take place in the Cafeteria unless you are unable to climb stairs. Then you will notify us ahead of time and you may register on the Ground Floor.

At Registration you will pick up your nametag, your *Malvern C.I. at 110* books, and your program. You will proceed to pick up your souvenirs at a designated spot.

If you plan to attend the Opening Ceremony, plan to arrive early to register by 9:00 a.m. so that you will all be in your seats for the Ceremony at 10:30 a.m. The Auditorium doors will open at 9:30 a.m. as the Band will be practising from 8:30 until 9:30 a.m. The Malvern Alumni Band will be playing orchestral music (old favourites), and there will be (short) speeches and tributes. An area will be reserved for the Senior Malvernites from the 30s and 40s Decades, and after that seating will be first come first served. If we have a very large registration, we will consider transmitting the event to an overflow area.

The Decade Rooms will be open at 9:00 a.m. We need volunteers who will oversee the rooms in one or two hour shifts for people to sign in their contact details (public information for

friends to look at in case they miss you). You can still talk to your friends if you do this. We are not planning to have any valuable memorabilia displayed, so feel free to photocopy any material that you would like to share and send it to us or bring it on the day. A series of posters will also be created. The 60s and 70s Decade Rooms will be on the second floor and the 80s, 90s and 2000s will be on the Third Floor. Volunteers are still needed to help make decade posters.

By mid-day, you will be feeling hungry. Bring your own lunch if you wish! The 30s and 40s Decades will pick up their pre-ordered lunches in or near the Library. We hope that the Malvern Home and School will be helping us with this part of the day. The other Decades will proceed to the Refreshment Tent by the South Field in front of the school any time after 11:30 a.m. Even if it rains, that is where to go. Drinks will be on sale there for everyone. Some of you may wish to walk to the Danforth or Kingston Road or elsewhere in the area for lunch.

The Decade Rooms will be open all afternoon until 4:00 p.m. In one of the gyms, the Band will be playing for Malvernites to dance to from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Then at 5:00 p.m., noted local Beach Historian Gene Domagala will be meeting Malvernites at the flagpole and leading them on a fact-filled historic walk. To read about him, see [http://www.centre55.com/coty\\_gene.htm](http://www.centre55.com/coty_gene.htm) . Be sure to wear comfortable shoes as he is indefatigable.

Pub Nights are being planned for Saturday evening by Decade Co-ordinators and others. When we get more specific details, we will let you know. For now, you can contact all of your Decade Co-ordinators at the webmail of your decade, e.g., 1940s or 1950s or 1960s or 1970s right up to the 2000s. Just type in [1960s@malverncollegiate.com](mailto:1960s@malverncollegiate.com), for example. Or leave a message at 416 393-8683.

### Sunday 12 May 2013

The school will be open at 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon for those who wish to see the Archival displays in the Library or who wish to check the sign-in Decade Books (in the Library) to look for friends they may have missed. Please note that all sign-in details in these books will be public information. At 10:00 a.m. there will be a Memorial Event in front of the Malvern Cenotaph for those who wish to pay their respects. We are hoping to have current Malvern students and teachers involved in this project. Those who wish may attend church services at their local church.

For the volunteers, the afternoon will be devoted to clean-up of the Decade Rooms, the gyms, and other areas as we wish to have it all completed by 4:00 p.m. Feel free to volunteer!

In the afternoon, there will also be two historic walking tours available, and Gene Domagala will meet people at the flag-pole at 1:00 and 4:00 p.m. Alternatively, people may wish to gather for an informal Boardwalk stroll. We need a volunteer to conduct this event, or you can choose one when you meet at the Woodbine Parking Lot at 1:45 p.m. Then at 3:00 p.m., Barbara Myrvold, librarian and author with Mary Campbell of *The Beach in Pictures, 1793-1932*, will be speaking to us on Beach History at the Beaches library at Queen and Lee. Then

you will be meeting friends or making your way home. We encourage you to come and make this event a great success. Onward Malvern!

## NOTICES - PLEASE READ

### CALL FOR REUNION VOLUNTEERS

We cannot stress strongly enough how much we need more volunteers. All of the planning work so far has been done by a relatively small group of under 15 people. For example, there will be a Decade Poster Day at the school one Saturday in early April (6<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup>) where you can use your art and craft skills. You could also join the Archives Committee on Wednesday April 3<sup>rd</sup> to help sort out materials for the Archival Displays. We also need people to help create the Sports Displays. There are some clerical tasks that need to be done. We can use almost any kind of help that anyone will offer. Please leave a message at 416 393-8683 or email us at [redandblack@malverncollegiate.com](mailto:redandblack@malverncollegiate.com). Thanks in advance!

### PARKING PASSES FOR THE REUNION

If you are from the 1930s or 40s Decades or have any disabilities or issues concerning accessibility, please contact us to ask to be put on our Parking Pass List. Email us at [redandblack@malverncollegiate.com](mailto:redandblack@malverncollegiate.com) or phone us at 416 393-8683 and leave your name, grad year and phone number. Please let us know if you have special accessibility needs.

### BAND MEMBERS AND REUNION VOLUNTEERS

We will make plans to distribute your nametags, etc. ahead of the event or in a separate location on 11 May. If you know that your name is on a list of band members or Reunion volunteers, please do not line up at Registration.

### REMEMBER THE GROTTO?

All musicians who played at the Grotto are invited to join their colleagues at the *Beacher Café* (2162 Queen St. and McLean Ave.) from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. on Saturday May 11 for a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary get-together. Come and say hello. Check out [www.grottoreunion.com](http://www.grottoreunion.com) for Grotto memorabilia.

### MALVERN CI AT 110 REUNION SOUVENIRS

You will be able to order souvenir items. Please check the MRBS website for information at [www.malverncollegiate.com](http://www.malverncollegiate.com) or on our Facebook Page at MRBS - Malvern Red and Black Society. Or leave a message at 416 393-8683 if you want an order form to be mailed to you.

This four page section is designed to serve as your guide to the Reunion. It can be printed out and retained. You will receive a program guide in your registration package, but you may find it useful to keep this one. Register today!

## A Message from MRBS President, Adele Ashby

As well as being MRBS President, I am also Co-chair, with Rod Tennyson, of the Reunion Committee. For a year now, we have been working on planning the Malvern C.I. 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Reunion and the retirement of our current Principal, Line Pinard. With this issue of *Musings*, we are going to go into high gear to ensure that Reunion participants have an enjoyable two days. The schedule of events is in this *Musings*. However, Reunion Committee cannot pull off such an event without a great deal of assistance from volunteers in the run up to 11 and 12 May and on the days themselves. A large turnout is expected, and while we will have current student volunteers, we need many more Malvernites who have already graduated. If you can offer us even two hours of your time on the weekend itself, or on the Friday immediately before to help set up displays, signage, and so on, please get in touch with us by email at [redandblack@malverncollegiate.com](mailto:redandblack@malverncollegiate.com) or by leaving a message at 416 393-8683 - or via our Facebook group MRBS - Malvern Red and Black Society and Facebook Event page – Malvern C.I.'s 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Reunion. You can also contact your Decade Co-ordinator at the webmail of your decade, e.g., 1940s or 1950s or 1960s or 1970s right up to the 2000s; as an example, just type in [1960s@malverncollegiate.com](mailto:1960s@malverncollegiate.com)

In addition to your volunteering, **we would very much appreciate your pre-registering for the Reunion so that we have a sense of numbers to expect, and some funds with which to pay upfront costs.** Please note that the only way to order one of our box lunches is to pre-register as they must be made up ahead of time.

We look forward to seeing you in May.

## Additional Requests:

1. Is anyone interested in volunteering as the MRBS Honorary Solicitor? We need the occasional legal opinion, and our previous volunteers have finished their stint.
2. Is anyone interested in volunteering for technical support, e.g., scanning, digitizing?
3. Do you have memories of Malvern you would like to share with us? We will publish them in our updated *Malvern CI at 110 Book*.
4. As always, will anyone who has changed address or email address, please notify us.

Susan M. Toy (Malvern Grad '72) announces the publication of her new book, *Island in the Clouds: A Bequia Perspectives novel*, ISBN 978-0-9879385-2-7, C\$18.95

“Part travelogue, part mystery, *Island in the Clouds* takes a long, hard look at the reality of living in a place that seems perfect — from the outside, anyway.”

Available in print at Coles Beaches, 2169 Queen St. E., and as an eBook. For information on the book, click: \*<http://tinyurl.com/d2yw742>\*

## CALLING MALVERN SCIENTISTS AND ENGINEERS

The Science Department at Malvern is looking for ways to enrich science education at Malvern. It is inviting any grads who are/were working in science-related and applied science fields to help counsel and mentor students about recent developments and/or future careers in science and engineering. You could volunteer to talk to students in class about your work or talk to groups of students about careers. If you are interested, please call the school at 416 393-1480 and leave a message for science teacher, Dean Sasabuchi.



Frank Szammers, Class of 1907

### **Malvern grad won Croix de Guerre from grateful French Army in 1918**

As we approach the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the start of the First World War, it's a time to revisit the stories of the boys of Malvern who fought for King and Country in 1914-1918. MRBS member David Fuller, who has been researching the stories of alumni who fought in both world wars, has recently taken on the job of managing editor of *The Maple Leaf*, the magazine of the Central Ontario Branch Western Front Association, and is contributing a cover story on grad Frank Szammers (Class of 1908) to the history group's winter 2013 issue. He was in the first class at Malvern, which entered in 1903.

Charles Franklin Szammers was the son of a railway man. His father John Charles Szammers was a foreman with the Grand Trunk Railway, and Frank went into civil engineering after graduating from the University of Toronto with an Applied Science degree in 1911. When war came, he joined the Canadian Expeditionary Force in July 1915 and became a member of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Pioneer Battalion, a unit of the Canadian Engineers that recruited men from the skilled trades to build trenches, roads and transport lines. In 1917, after rising through the ranks to become a lieutenant, Szammers was picked to join a new unit, the 1<sup>st</sup> Tramways Company, that specialized in building narrow gauge rail lines used to move supplies to the front lines. During his years in France, Szammers was at all but one of every major battle in which Canadians fought.

In the August 1918, Szammers had made captain and was at Amiens where Allied troops had won the first in a string of victories that would become known as the "100 Days" leading to the end of the First World War. He was awarded the Croix de Guerre by the French Army for his work in opening up the tramway lines at Amiens and remained in France until January 1919.

Following the war, Szammers went to work for a construction company, married Mildred Florence Ross in 1929, and became a district supervisor for Ontario's Department of Northern Development in 1931, helping to build highways in the North Bay, Sudbury and Bancroft regions. He returned to Toronto and the head office of the Ontario Department of Highways in 1952 and retired in December 1957. His daughters Betsy and Ann both live in Etobicoke and shared memories of their father, who died in 1984, at age 96, for the magazine article.

The Szammers family lived at 30 Lyall Avenue for a time, and two of Frank's sisters also attended Malvern: Maud, who left in September 1909, and Gladys [McConnell], who left in January 1910 when the family moved to Callender Street in the west end of the city.

## REGISTRATION FORM

# MALVERN 110<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY REUNION

Presented by your Malvern Red and Black Society

11-12 MAY 2013

Opening Ceremony 10:30 a.m., Doors Open 9:30 a.m. Saturday May 11

We urge you to REGISTER NOW to allow us to pre-arrange the registration packages and to provide you with an opportunity to pre-order a box lunch (sandwich, with salad and fruit). You can also go to [www.eventbrite.ca](http://www.eventbrite.ca) and enter Malvern CI, and you will receive your tickets by email. Or mail this form and a cheque to Malvern at 110 Reunion, 55 Malvern Avenue, Toronto M4E 3E4. Please keep a copy of it for your own information and bring it with you. The Registration desk in the Cafeteria will open at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday for alumni to pick up your name tags, a book on *Malvern CI at 110* (included in the registration fee), a souvenir issue of the *Musings* and an Event Program.

First name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last name: \_\_\_\_\_

Maiden name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last year at Malvern: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Province/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal/Zipcode: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone nos.: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any special needs? Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for you to post my name & grad year on the attendees' list on the MRBS website.

Yes \_\_\_\_ or No \_\_\_\_

1. Would you like to attend pub night for your decade on Saturday 11 May? YES \_\_\_\_\_ or NO \_\_\_\_\_

(You will be notified by your Decade Co-ordinator if sufficient numbers sign up for Pub Night.)

2. Sign up here for these (free) events. Mark your 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> choice.

On Saturday 11 May:

Historic walk with Gene Domagala through times past (meet at Malvern statue) at 5:00 p.m. \_\_\_\_\_

On Sunday 12 May:

a. Ceremonial gathering in front of the War Memorial at 10:00 a.m. \_\_\_\_\_

b. Informal Boardwalk stroll (Meet at the Woodbine Parking lot at 1:45) at 2:00 p.m. \_\_\_\_\_

c. Historic walk with Gene Domagala through times past. (meet at Malvern statue) at 1:00 p.m. \_\_\_\_\_

- d. *Historic walk with Gene Domagala through times past.* (meet at Malvern statue) at 4:00 p.m. \_\_\_
- e. *\*Beaches history lecture at the Beaches Branch Library (Queen & Lee)* at 3:00 p.m. \_\_\_

*\* These events are available to a limited number of people on a first-come basis. Please check the Notice Board in the cafeteria for acceptance and stand-by openings.*

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3. We really need volunteers to help out. Please indicate your interest and availability.

Registration desk (2 hrs. max.) \_\_\_ Decade room (2 hr. max.) \_\_\_

Display setup (Friday 10 a.m. all day) \_\_\_ Display takedown (Sunday 12 p.m.onward) \_\_\_

*\*Library reception and Hall monitoring (Saturday, 2 hr. max.) \_\_\_*

*\*The Library reception will take place @ 11-1:00 p.m. on Saturday for alumni/ae from the 30s and 40s decades and for those with special needs. Lunch will be served in the Library.*

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**PAYMENT REMITTED**

REGISTRATION FEE \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 30

LUNCH – includes tax \_\_\_\_\_ \$10

Sandwiches available: CHECK YOUR CHOICE BELOW

Black Forest Ham & Swiss \_\_\_\_\_

Roast Beef & Provolone \_\_\_\_\_

Egg Salad \_\_\_\_\_

Tomato & Hummus \_\_\_\_\_

Includes a Side Salad & Piece of Fruit

**PAYMENT OPTIONS**

a. Cheque enclosed made out to *Malvern 110 Reunion* and mailed to Malvern110 Reunion, 55 Malvern Ave., Toronto M4E 3E4.

b. Electronically – go online to [www.eventbrite.ca](http://www.eventbrite.ca) and register at Malvern110. You may pay by PayPal or credit card. Do not send us this form as they send us your data. Your tickets will be emailed to you.

TOTAL enclosed made out to Malvern 110 Reunion for REUNION REGISTRATION: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

DONATION TO MRBS

To receive a tax receipt for your donation, please make your cheque payable to the *OMF with MRBS on the memo line.*

*(Please, use a separate cheque from Reunion registration fee. We need your support to keep the MRBS alive!)*

TOTAL enclosed made out to the OMF for MRBS DONATION: \$ \_\_\_\_\_