



Musings

"Keeping Malvernites in Touch"

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STEPHEN THOMAS RETIRES AS PRESIDENT OF THE ONWARD MALVERN FOUNDATION. WE ARE ISSUING A CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR A NEW OMF PRESIDENT AND NEW MEMBERS. DEADLINE IS APRIL 28, 2014.

See page 2 for details.



OMF Board. Left to right: Dean Sasabuchi, Vicky Tsorlinis, Diane Sharpe, Daphne Field, Vandra Masemann, Steve Thomas, Leslie Rose, Larry Smith, Sara Richards, Ethel Koumarelas. Lorie McCauley

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE ONWARD MALVERN FOUNDATION - DEADLINE APRIL 28, 2014.

March 31, 2014

A Search Committee has been established to recruit a new President and new Members (Directors) of the Onward Malvern Foundation. We are a Registered Charitable Foundation which organises and implements the fundraising efforts for Malvern Collegiate for items that are not normally financed by the Toronto District School Board. The aim is to enrich the educational experience of the students and to help pay for extra-curricular equipment and excursions that are not included in the regular school budget. The Foundation provides tax receipts for all contributions of \$10 and over, such as those for past projects like equipping a new Fitness Room, saving the Malvern Pool and restoring the WWI Cenotaph.

With the retirement of our first President, Stephen Thomas, who was the Founding President of the Foundation, we are seeking to strengthen and renew the membership of the OMF for the work that lies ahead. We welcome applications for President and Members from persons connected with Malvern CI in some way – as graduates, as parents and as community members. We seek applicants who have had experience in the non-profit, corporate or fund-raising sectors who will be team players with a commitment to the school, to envisioning new projects that will enrich the life of the students, and to ensuring that we adhere to the practices required of charitable organisations. The OMF meets a minimum of four times a year at the school, and has the full support of the school administration.

Those interested should send a letter of application outlining their qualifications and ideas for their possible contribution to the OMF to the following address: OMF Search Committee, 55 Malvern Avenue, Toronto M4E 3E4, or by email to member Lorie McCauley at lmccauley@live.ca. The deadline for applications is April 28, 2014. It is hoped that the new President and Members can be installed on the OMF Board by the end of the school year in June. We will respond to all applications.

Search Committee

Vandra Masemann, Search Committee Chair, Interim Chair OMF

Lorie McCauley, Malvern graduate and Malvern parent

Leslie Rose, Past President, Malvern CI Home and School Council

Vicky Tsorlinis, Treasurer, Malvern CI Home and School Council

Diane Sharpe, Malvern Principal (ex officio member)



In memory of Eddie Caterer

By Donna Halliday

Eddie Caterer passed away suddenly on 30 January 2014. The service was at Calvary Baptist Church on Main Street, Toronto. It was a wonderful tribute to Eddie, and the church was packed with family, friends, Malvernites, and Balmy Beach Club (B.B.C.) members.

I signed the guest book on behalf of the Malvern Red & Black Society. The programme for the service had a photo of Eddie and the logos for the BBC, Malvern C.I. and Michigan Tech. (Ed won a football scholarship to Michigan Tech and while there tried out for the Michigan Tech. Huskies Hockey Team and made the team. In his second year with the hockey team, the team won the prestigious NCAA Hockey Championship, which is emblematic of hockey supremacy in the U.S. College ranks. Tony Esposito was their team goalie and went on to a stellar N.H.L. hockey career with the Chicago Black Hawks. Ed was very proud of being a member of this championship team (Evan J. Butchers' note).

It also mentioned, in the biography on the back, that Eddie was Athlete of the Year in 1962 at M.C.I. One of the speakers said he had been impressed with all the athletic awards Eddie had received while he was at Malvern. However, he worked it out, and Eddie had had eight years to collect them all. I remember Eddie as our M.C.I. years overlapped, and he was on the football team.

I guess, on the positive side, funerals often bring people together who have not seen each other in years. The man sitting beside me at the church was retired R.C.A.F. Lieutenant Colonel Richard Gage. I remember his brother, Bruce, from the B.B.C., and his daughter, Lesley is presently teaching Physical Education at M.C.I.

Evan Butchers, one of Eddie's best friends, helped Eddie's wife, Amber, with a lot of the planning. I was able to provide him with copies of any news articles and so on about Eddie on Malvern teams. I found several in M.C.I.'s archival files and then went online and found about 40 more in the *Globe* and the *Toronto Star*. Evan said he put them all in a binder, and people were quite impressed with Eddie's achievements. Eddie will be sorely missed by all.

In Memoriam

We have had a large number of Malvernites in our *In Memoriam* list this year. We send our heartfelt condolences to all the families and friends of these Malvernites. Our article in memory of Eddie Caterer shows how many Malvernites are still closely linked to one another and to the Beach community. It stands for all of the losses this past year that we felt deeply. Please notify us of any Malvernites that you wish to be included in future lists.

Eleanor (Riley) **Butler**, 5 October, 2013
Dr. Kenneth Rupert **Butler**, 14 December, 2013
Margaret **Chambers**, 13 October, 2013
Russell McIllwain **Dunn**, 24 February, 2014
Joan (Cable) **Forge**, 29 September, 2013
Dr. Joyce (Barrett) **Hambley**, 18 January, 2014
John Lorne **Hawkins**, 16 March, 2014
Hope **Kohara**, 8 February, 2014
Doreen (Walkington) **Sharland**, 3 August, 2013
Jane (Seymour) **Smith**, 10 March 2014
Harcourt **Syms**, 1 November, 2013
Aletha (Boyd) **Taylor**, 20 November, 2013
Diane (Wilson) **Zavitz**, 23 January, 2014

May They Rest in Peace

President's Report

Vandra Masemann

Greetings to all in my new/old role as the MRBS President. Believe me, if there had been any other candidate, I would have been glad to cede it. If anyone else has any desire to carry the MRBS into the end of this decade, please speak up or join our Executive to learn the ropes.

It has been a quieter year for the MRBS than last year with no Reunion to organise. At our AGM in November, the election results were as follows:

Vandra Masemann, President

Adele Ashby, Vice President

Natalie Bengert and John Leahey - 1980s Decade Reps. and Member at Large (NB). Later replaced by Dianne Chadwick as Member at Large and database manager.

While Natalie worked very hard during her brief term, she has resigned under the pressure of her many duties. But we are pleased to report that Dianne Chadwick has come on Board as the new Member at large. She is a Malvern graduate and now a Malvern parent. We are still looking for a new 80s rep. Natalie has already set up an 80s Facebook page that can be carried on. Other decades are also welcome to set up MRBS groups on Facebook. We have over 300 members now on our MRBS Facebook page. Right now we are looking at images from the 1978 Reunion which I had digitized from slides we found in our Archives.

Speaking of Archives, we have had an excellent response to our request for funds to help restore the World War II Big Book of soldiers and the Doris McCarthy memorial book. We received a cheque for \$1015 from the OMF for donations for the period from October to January.

We know this will be an expensive project so we do welcome more donations. We want to get the books restored by May 2015 for the 70th anniversary of the end of the Second World War.

Our archival collection is being digitized by Donna Halliday. The TDSB has acquired museum-quality software which we will be able to use to make a digital record of our collection.

The President of the Onward Malvern Foundation, Steve Thomas, has resigned after many years of service to the Foundation and in coaching Malvern sports teams. He was presented with a plaque at the February OMF meeting to thank him for his efforts to enrich the Malvern experience (see photo on next page). It is essential that we get a new President by the end of this

school year. So if you have experience with the non-profit sector and want to commit some time to Malvern C.I. and its future, please consider applying in response to the Call from the Search Committee (see p. 2 for details). We also welcome interested Malvernites as Board members.

Thanks very much to all Malvernites who contributed to the new auditorium seats with plaques. There is still room for more donations of \$250 for this purpose. Other OMF funds have been distributed for enrichment activities and equipment in science, drama, French, music and sports. We look forward to another good year at Malvern.



How You can help Malvern C.I. By Vandra Masemann, President

There is no doubt that since the 2003 Centennial celebrations, Malvern Collegiate has been regenerated. This process has taken place largely due to the efforts of Malvern alumni, families, and community members. When we saw the school in 2003, the paint was peeling around all the windows and doors, the Cenotaph was in disrepair and the pool dressing rooms were in need of renovation. As of 2014, these problems have been rectified, and Malvern looks much better again. However, it is an aging TDSB school, and it still has needs.

These changes at Malvern have happened in the lives of the current generation of students. It was not just for the benefit of alumni or neighbours. Current students have more enrichment through new equipment and excursions through donations to the Onward Malvern Foundation in the areas of sports, music, French, drama, science, and so on.

Enrolment at Malvern is booming. The school is much in demand. The students continue to win sports events, competitions, and scholarships.

The school, however, still needs your continued support. While alumni have been generous in contributions to the Cenotaph, and in ways to make Malvernites aware of their history via the Archives, the MRBS must not get stuck in the past. We need to support and enrich the school in its present-day development and in the future. In addition, students need support in thinking about their future careers so we welcome alumni mentoring.

What can you do?

1. If you are qualified, please think of applying to be President of the Onward Malvern Foundation. Or volunteer as an OMF Board member.
 2. Volunteer to speak to students about your career and opportunities in your field. Just call the school at [416 393-1480](tel:4163931480) and ask to speak to the Principal, Diane Sharpe.
 3. Think about leaving a legacy to Malvern in your will.
 4. Help us in the MRBS by joining the Executive. We still need new volunteers to help with the work. We really need you!
 5. Donate to projects you think are worthy or even suggest ways in which you would like to support Malvern. All of your ideas are welcome, and we will consider them seriously. Please email us at redandblack@malverncollegiate.com to discuss any ideas you have. If you want to talk in person or on the phone, we can follow up with you.
- Onward Malvern!

SAVE THE PLANET: THE SEQUESTER MOVEMENT

By Dr. Rod Tennyson, Professor Emeritus, University of Toronto, Malvern class of 1956

I am writing this article for the MRBS *Musings* to encourage our alumni/ae to consider supporting the Sequester Movement, which has been endorsed by your MRBS in terms of promoting the concepts of reducing the CO₂ concentrations in the atmosphere by sequestering carbon and creating an alternate pathway for re-absorption of the emitted CO₂. On a community level, this can be accomplished by composting organic food and garden waste and planting of new trees and household vegetable gardens. We envisage the collaboration of communities with their local neighbourhood schools (such as Malvern C.I.) to get involved in carbon sequestering, which we hope will spread throughout the cities and towns in Canada.

As an example, elementary and secondary schools in the City of Toronto can take the lead in initiating the Sequester Movement by involving the students and their families in developing a comprehensive integrated approach to demonstrate how much carbon dioxide can be captured while at the same time removing atmospheric pollutants. The Toronto District School Board encompasses 451 elementary and 105 secondary schools, catering to the educational needs of over 275,000 students. If these schools were to introduce Sequester Clubs that involved 100,000 households for example, the communities associated with each of the participating schools could save over 100,000 **metric tonnes*** of CO₂ from polluting the atmosphere each year! This does not include what the City of Toronto could accomplish by planting 10,000 new trees annually in its 1400 parks and gardens that cover about 7340 hectares of land.

***one metric tonne = 1000 kilograms.**

We are at a crossroads in human history; nature is reacting to the atmospheric pollution we have caused since the days of the Industrial Revolution. Most of this pollution, 80% of which is carbon dioxide, is from the burning of fossil fuels. Climate change is upon us, and scientists warn that this is primarily due to the CO₂ concentration in the atmosphere that is nearing the tipping point of no return. In other words, unless the world reduces its CO₂ emissions now, we will continue to experience major changes to our climate and its unknown dangers both to humanity and our ecosystem as we know it. One obvious example is the melting of the polar ice fields and the measurable rise in ocean levels that will inundate coastal regions around the world. Global warming has increased the ocean temperature by about 0.8° C, most of which has occurred since 1980. The temperature at the earth's surface has been warmer than at any time since 1850.

Oceans play a critical role in the absorption of CO₂ from the atmosphere and in the past, prior to the Industrial Revolution, were in balance with the atmosphere in a two-way exchange process. Carbon dioxide, being heavier than air, will diffuse into the water. Wind action and storms combined with the circulation present in the ocean currents will enhance absorption of CO₂ since cold water, when pushed to the top, absorbs more than the warm surface water. Indications are that oceans have absorbed about 50% of the atmospheric CO₂. However, in our present state with the increasing burning of fossil fuels, scientists are finding that the oceans are warming and thus not absorbing as much CO₂. At the same time, the acidity of the ocean water is increasing because the CO₂ load exceeds the seas' natural buffering capacity.. In its normal state, the pH of seawater (a measure of water acidity) was about 8.2, indicating a modest alkaline condition. However, in the last decades that value has dropped to about 8, because, when CO₂ dissolves in seawater, it forms carbonic acid. **It is predicted that if the global emissions are not reduced in the near term, the pH of the oceans could fall as low as 7.5 as early as 2050, which will be the lowest value in many centuries.** The worst problem is that ocean acidification is not quickly reversible and will take thousands of years to return to its preindustrial level noted above.

Why should this concern us? There are two reasons: first, the less CO₂ absorbed by the oceans, the more will accumulate in the atmosphere, and second, most of the aquatic life teaming in the oceans will die off. For example, it has recently been reported that 10 million scallops have perished in a sea farm off Vancouver Island (February 2014) as a result of ocean acidity, according to a marine ecologist at the University of British Columbia. As the acidity increases, it reduces the concentration of calcium carbonate used by shellfish and coral reefs to build their skeletal frames and shells.

We are all aware of the Kyoto Protocol which most countries have supported, except Canada and the U.S. for political and economic reasons. The cap and trade concept involving "carbon credits" is not the solution, allowing existing major CO₂ producers to purchase "carbon credits" from those who have earned them by using non-fossil fuel energy sources. The cap and trade concept will not reduce current carbon emissions.

In a recent press release (February 2014), the United States and China just announced the following joint statement on mutual collaboration to address this urgent problem:

"In light of the overwhelming scientific consensus on climate change and its worsening impacts, and the related issue of air pollution from burning fossil fuels, the United States and China recognize the urgent need for action to meet these twin challenges." No details have been forthcoming. The U.S. also stated that *"climate change is perhaps the world's most fearsome weapon of mass destruction."*

If you have read this far, I trust you have had an "Oh my God, what have we done?!" reaction. To learn more about the impending environmental disaster facing us, and how we can limit the carbon dioxide pollution, please leave a message on our Community Hotline at 416 393-8683 or email me for a copy of my full report at redandblack@malverncollegiate.com (Sequester Report in the subject line). Thank you.

PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING FOR THE MALVERN RED AND BLACK SOCIETY. WE STILL NEED DECADE REPS FOR THE 80s, 90s AND 2000s.

With the rise in postage rates, we urge you to switch to email for receiving the Musings if possible. It has cost almost \$1000 per issue to cover the snail mail (\$820) and mass emailing (\$180) of the Musings to nearly 3000 Malvernites, and will cost more with the new postal rates. Please support the Musings with a

contribution of \$10 made out to the Onward Malvern Foundation. That will keep us going for another year or two.

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YES, I _____ (maiden name) _____ Class _____ or teacher/staff /other _____ give my permission for the Malvern Red and Black Society to include my name and class year/teacher status/other status only, on the MRBS website members' list. No other personal information will be divulged, without obtaining my further permission. All personal information will be subject to the MRBS Privacy policy. If I am replying by email, I permit the MRBS to use this email as legal proof of my giving permission.

Member's Signature: _____
Date: _____

No reply means that you DO NOT give us permission to post your name on our Members' List.

2. Financial Donations

- a. **If you want a tax receipt, please make out your cheque to the OMF**, and put the intended use or beneficiary on the memo line, e.g. Music, Athletics, MRBS etc. and specify the amounts if there are several uses.
- b. **If you do not need a tax receipt, then feel free to make out cheques directly to the MRBS** with the intended use on the memo line.
- c. In all cases, **please mail the cheque to the MRBS at 55 Malvern Avenue, Toronto M4E 3E4** so that we can record it as coming from an MRBS member. We will then forward all cheques to the OMF for receipting. We then receive the funds from them on a regular basis.

Please enclose a note with your donation, stating your preference:
Yes, I give my permission for the MRBS to post my name on their website, in acknowledgement of my donation.
No, I wish to keep my donation confidential.

3. New Members' Registration Form

Please include all information requested and email to redandblack@malverncollegiate.com or mail to the MCI address above. Email is greatly encouraged, to reduce our mailing costs.

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
Maiden Name: _____ Class Year: _____

Are/were you a teacher at Malvern? Yes No Other Status (e.g. parent, staff): _____
Mailing Address (with postal/zip code): _____
Province /State & Country: _____
Email Address: _____
Phone number (with area code): _____

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