



Musings

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NOTICE OF MRBS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Saturday, November 5, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.
Classroom 110,
Malvern Collegiate Institute.
Enter from North Parking Lot on Swanwick Avenue**

Key Agenda Item: the future of the MRBS hangs in the balance. It needs to have new leadership and a sound financial footing. Only you can make this happen, or else the MRBS will fold at the end of 2016.

It is time for the present Executive to hand over the leadership of the MRBS to the next generation. We urge MRBS members to think seriously about the future of the Society and what they can do to make sure that it carries on and flourishes. The present generation of MRBS Executive members have been in office well beyond their allotted time – in some cases for 12 years. If we receive the same kind of zero response to our call for volunteers and office-holders that we have had for the last few years, we will not be able to carry on. We sincerely thank those who have donated the funds to keep us afloat since 2004. But we need about \$2400 each year to meet our current expenses, aside from the donations allocated to the archives and small office expenses. We have helped to save the Malvern pool, repair the cenotaph, present awards, support the Malvern band, and participate in Remembrance Day. Malvern needs the MRBS!

Call for Nominations

We need members to run for office in the following positions:

President, Vice President, Secretary, and Members at Large

We need volunteers for Decade Co-ordinator for the 1980s, 1990s and 2000s.

Please submit by mail to the address above or by email at redandblack@malverncollegiate.com a nomination or self- nomination with name, contact details, and indication of willingness to serve.

Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the AGM.

The MRBS *Musings*

We are in a tight financial position, with all donations for 2015-16 having been used for their allotted purposes, but with a shortfall in terms of producing paper/snail mail copies of the *Musings* for a mailing list of around 500 Malvernites. We have enough funds in our account to send out this (perhaps) last copy of the paper *Musings* and the email version.

Malvern Archives in Grade 10 History Inquiry

Text and photos by Jan Haskings-Winner

Ever since I realized Malvern had its own archives, I have wanted to figure out how to use them in my Grade 10 Canadian History classes. The how was key because I wanted to make it authentic and also provide learning to meet curriculum expectations at the same time.

My first step was to meet the Archives committee. Vandra Masemann and the team welcomed me, and I had my first look at what the possibilities were. I then spent an afternoon on a professional development day with the keys and had time to look more closely. As my mother, aunt, and grandfather all attended Malvern, I checked out if I could find any mention of them, and I did.

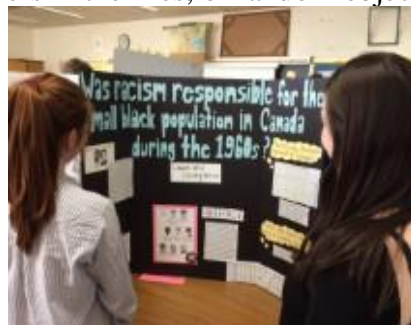
I wanted to use the archives to develop inquiry skills in my students, and for them to use artifacts that were not related to war. I decided to use the unit 1945-1982 as the focus. The task was students would search, and if they found something, that led them to ask questions, they would have a starting point. The goal was to connect their artifact to what was happening in Canada at the same time. One student found a file folder that had all the details of a visit by Joe Clark. She asked, "Who was Joe Clark?" She found out who he was and why he was at Malvern. She also connected with him in her enthusiasm to find out more. Another student wondered why a 1959 yearbook page had only one African Canadian student on the page. This question led her to investigate Canada's immigration and racist policies during this time.



Grade 10 History students in Malvern archives

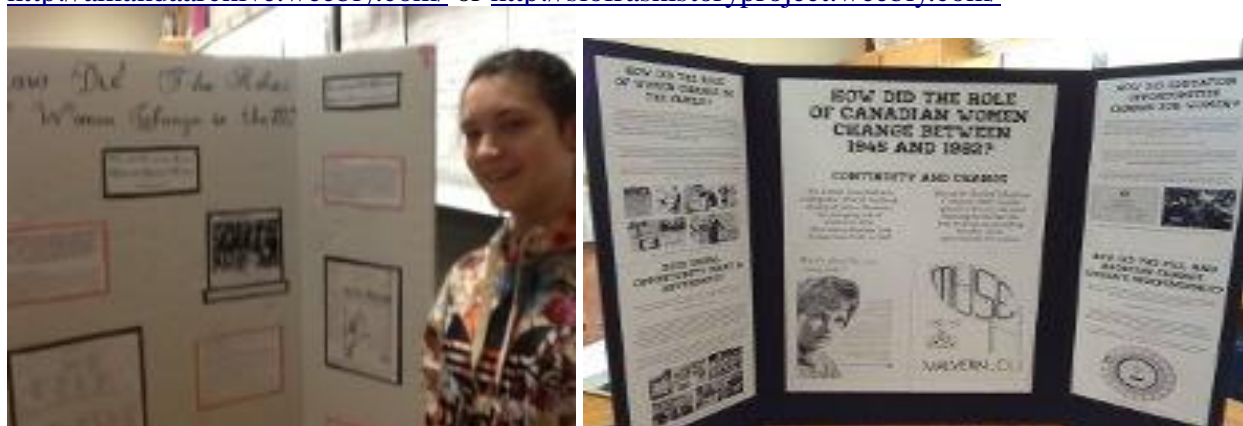
The process started with a visit from the Toronto Museum staff. They brought some artifacts from World War I. Each small group got an artifact to hold and developed questions, the first step in an inquiry process.

Next they went to the archives, the most challenging part of the process as only 10 students could go at once, and of course classes are larger than that. Sometimes I had students in the hall outside, on the floor, other times I had volunteers stay with some students while I took the 10 to the archives. Sometimes students couldn't find an artifact that they were curious about, so they required two or more visits either during class or at lunch. Eventually all had one. Popular choices included pages from the old *Muses*, newspapers in the files, or random objects in the boxes of donations.



Students sharing their research.

Students brainstormed questions with the artifact they chose, leading them to do more research and find other primary sources, often from the *Toronto Star* or CBC archives. To distribute their research, guests were invited so students could share their findings and answers. Some students used panel boards, and others created google docs or even their own websites. Check out <http://amandaarchive.weebly.com/> or <http://siofrashistoryproject.weebly.com/>



All in all, the Malvern archives provided students with great inspiration to engage in research and learning about Canada and Malvern at the same time.

(Jan Haskings-Winner is one of 25 finalists across Canada for the Governor-General's History Award for Excellence in Teaching.)

Treasurer's Report – Robert D. Watson

The following is a balance statement for the MRBS account for the financial year: 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 (Revised)

Balance forward June 30, 2015 - \$3,739.35

	Revenues	Expenses
<u>MUSINGS:</u>		
<u>2015 Fall Issue (\$1,004.34)</u>		
Envelopes		0
Printing		\$307.13
Postage		\$499.46
Emailed <i>Musings</i>		\$197.75
<u>2016 Spring Issue (\$1,160.80; *1,358.55)</u>		
Envelopes		\$38.31
Printing		\$400.00
Postage		\$722.49
(*Emailed <i>Musings</i> \$197.75 paid July 20/16)		
MRBS Awards		\$200.00
Donations via MRBS	\$150.00	
Donations via OMF	\$500.00	
Archival/Office Expenses		\$675.08
Archival Expense off Account July 2, 2015		\$194.30
Archival Credit (Via OMF)	\$375.00	
MCI Environmental Club		\$300.00
Military Research		\$250.00
Other Postage (Via OMF)	\$125.00	
Other Postage		\$23.49

Web Consult – 2014-15		\$137.56
Web Consult – 2015-16		\$236.11
Muse Copies	\$42.60	
Bank Fees		\$23.40
Total	\$1,192.60	\$4,205.08
Total Plus Balance Fwd	\$4,931.95	
Net Account Balance Fwd		\$726.87

Notes:

1. The balance forward as of 30 June 2015 does not include Cheque No. 237 for \$194.30 payable to TDSB for Office Expenses issued 17 June 2015 and paid 2 July 2015 (shown above).
2. The balance forward as of 30 June 2016 does not include Cheque No. 257 for \$61.59 payable to Vandra Masemann for Office Expenses issued 22 June 2016 and paid 22 July 2016.

In Memoriam

Boyd, A. Stanley, (1940s), 17 July 2016
 Brabazon, Grace Marie (Derbyshire), (1940s), 27 May 2016
 McKeown, Elaine (Jacques), (1960), 30 Nov. 2015
 Neal, Bob, (1961), 9 Aug. 2016
 Pezzack, Donna (Payne), (1950's), 14 July 2016
 Ponton, Penny Anne, (1970s), 5 June 2016
 Reiart, Dale, (Harrison), (1969), 4 June 2016
 Rivers, Paul, (1968), 10 March 2016
 Statton, Robert, (1959), 4 Aug. 2016
 Wakelin, Grace Lucile (Clarke) (teacher 1969-1988), 20 May 2016
 Wightman, John E. (Jack), (1940s), 29 April 2016
 Williams, Alfred, (1944), 27 April 2016
 Willis, Brant, (1961), 26 August, 2016
 Willson, Elaine (Hebert), (1942), 29 Sept. 2015

May they rest in Peace

The Spring 2016 issue of *Musings* focused on the 90th birthday of Malvern's beloved music teacher, George McRae. We receive a number of feedback comments and were given permission to print the following from Mike Ord, class of 1968.

It was around 1966 and football season. Being on the football team or being a cheerleader were good reasons for missing a band assignment, but I had a part-time job at the Dominion Store on Kingston Road. Work was not a good excuse, so I skipped the band and went to work. We played at most football games. I was standing at Victoria Park and Kingston Road waiting for the lights to change. Just my luck, the band bus was turning the corner, and Mr. McRae was seated in the perfect position to see me. He did, and I knew it. The next day in music class he asked me why I missed the football game. I explained. He was a little annoyed and said "You're out of the band....for awhile." Band practice was the next day. That's "awhile." I went, and I never heard another word. Music at Malvern and Mr. McRae was the best. He's 90? Incredible! Wonderful man!

The MRBS Salutes Barbara (Williamson) Farrow, class of 1956, for her Herculean Labours to Repair the Malvern Band Uniforms

by Vandra Masemann

Barb Farrow has just finished a six-week project this summer in which she and her volunteers repaired and reconstructed all of the Malvern band uniforms. There were 109 pieces in all, with 50 kilts and 59 jackets. What an amazing feat! We salute her efforts to contribute to Malvern and its band. This was a true example of the Malvern Spirit – a common-sense and frugal solution to a problem and an appeal to the spirit of the Malvern community.

I interviewed Barb in her sewing room when the task was finished to find out more about her. She lived on Juniper Avenue off Lee Avenue as a child and attended Williamson Road School. She learned to sew in Home Economics class there with Miss Younge, as well as with her mom. After training and working as a nurse, she married Stan Farrow, who was a teacher at David and Mary Thomson C.I. for many years. They had three children, one girl and two boys, and Barb sewed their clothes when they were young. After they were grown, she sewed costumes for the community Gilbert and Sullivan productions at David and Mary Thomson C.I. I was impressed by the spacious sewing room in her basement, with evidence of many projects done over the years. She clearly had the facilities and the knowledge to do this task.



After our appeal for funds in the Spring 2016 *Musings* to help with repairs and replacements of the Malvern band uniforms, Barb contacted me with an alternative solution. She wanted to organize a project by appealing to Malvernites past and present to help sew and repair the Malvern band uniforms.

She was willing to co-ordinate the project, to store the uniforms in her home sewing room, to supervise the volunteers and to complete the project in time for the September return to school. When we asked Mr. Falla, the director of the band, and Principal Diane Sharpe (and a former colleague of Barb's husband), they were both in agreement with the proposal. This common-sense idea would allow the school to use the donations already received to buy any new uniforms required. Total expenses for the project were just under \$105, plus many hours of labour.

While the school was still open in June, Mr. Falla had all of the uniforms moved down to the Tech classroom on the main floor. Barb and I then went through all of the kilts and jackets in a system of triage, identifying all of the symptoms of disrepair on a pink card which she pinned to each piece. This orderly approach was in keeping with her training as a nurse at the Toronto East General Hospital in the 1950s.

She transported all of the items home in her van and set them up on racks in her sewing room. She then recruited two friends, Mary Hill and Pam (Charles) de Groot (a fellow Malvernite); and I put out the call on Facebook for more volunteers. Vicky Tsorlinis, a long-time Home and School volunteer and executive member, sewed on innumerable buttons, which we were lucky to get from the tailor who had made the original uniforms. Anna Kennedy and Barbbra Mitchell also volunteered, but distance and summer holidays limited their availability. The most common repair made was to the kilts where the belt had damaged the material as it was being tugged into place. There were also many repairs needed to the lining of the jackets and the white trim. Some moth holes were found, which were repaired with a not-so-invisible patch on the inside. Generally, Barb did all of the machine repairs herself and the volunteers did the hand sewing. Some of the damage was the result of lack of care or mistreatment of the uniforms. Food stains were a major factor. It is hoped that uniforms will be better cared for now that students know how much effort was put into renewing them. .

Barb has also offered to be the on-call person for uniform repairs so that small tears do not get the chance to get worse.

Malvernites we think you may want to know about:

University of Toronto Varsity Blues alumna and Toronto native, Kristine Drakich has been the head coach of the women's volleyball program since 1989-90. Under her direction, the Blues qualified for 22 consecutive Ontario University Athletics (OUA) final four appearances from 1990-2010, winning the OUA championship banner seven times. **She led the Blues to a 25-0 perfect season in 2015-16, claiming their second straight OUA banner, and first-ever CIS championship in program history.** Kristine earned her first Canadian Interuniversity Sport coach of the year honours in 2014-15.

<http://varsityblues.ca/coaches.aspx?rc=138&path=wvball>

Late-breaking News:

We have been encouraged by a loyal Malvern alumnus to restart the fund-raising campaign to repair the Malvern Cenotaph which was vandalised in 2014 – again. The goal will be to raise \$20,000 to create and attach a new sword and enhance the security system for the statue and its pedestal. Please give generously. See page 8 for details. Thank you!

Onward Malvern Foundation, by President, Lorie McCauley (Dunlop '78)

My fellow Malvernites,

As we begin another school year, the Onward Malvern Foundation would like to recognize Barbara Farrow and her team of volunteers for their tireless efforts over the summer to refurbish the Band uniforms that were in need. Thank you all for saving the school a large amount of time and money. Now the only purchases that will be necessary are the new uniforms as MCI is growing in leaps and bounds.

You might have noticed, if you have had a chance to go by the school, that there is now another portable on the property. Last year Malvern had an unprecedented enrolment of grade nine students, and this year even that's been increased. With a great deal of time and effort to accommodate that new growth, the Principal and her staff struggled to find enough classrooms to hold all the required classes. With the addition of the portable, this alleviates some of that stress. Apparently more and more families are seeing the benefit to attending the greatest school in The Beach district.

The school funding needs this year focus on the Music department, Cenotaph refurbishment, and the auditorium upgrades. With this year leading up to the Sesquicentennial, there are also quite a number of activities that will require some funding assistance; for instance, there is a proposal to plant a Maple Tree with a plaque commemorating the event and other plans which we will continue to keep you updated about.

The OMF are proud to report that your donations last year helped purchase more musical equipment, math department video aids, science equipment and many other student and teaching aids. Malvern students are uniquely lucky in having an alum that care for and support them as well as you all do.

In the past you've all been so generous, and I'm hoping that this year we can depend on your support once again. It is my hope that together we can continue to raise the funds the school needs to ensure all MCI students have the opportunity to achieve their potential.

Lastly, our Board is in dire need of new members. If you can spare 2 hours every other month to help us raise money and support for the school, as well as help decide how to best disburse those funds to the areas most in need of them, please get in touch with either myself, Vandra Masemann, or Diane Sharpe, our Principal.

Donations can be sent to the Onward Malvern Foundation c/o Malvern Collegiate Institute, 55 Malvern Avenue Toronto, ON M4E 3E4 or can be made online at www.Canadahelps.org [all donations will be tax receipted as we are a registered charitable organization].

Want to learn more? Contact me at lmccauley@live.ca.

Yours sincerely,

Lorie McCauley (Dunlop '78)

Malvern Red and Black Society Donation/Registration Form

Express Consent to Receive MRBS emails and Permission to Post My Name on the MRBS Public Members' List

YES, I _____ (maiden name) _____ Class _____ or teacher/staff /other _____ give my express consent for the Malvern Red and Black Society to add my name to the MRBS database for emails or snail mails and 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 Express Consent for Receiving Mailings

Signature: _____ Date: _____

However, you may opt out of having your name on the MRBS website by signing here:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Canada's anti-spam legislation is now in effect, and under it, the MRBS requires your express consent to send you electronic communications, which you give by signing. Without it, we cannot add your name to our email database or to our website Members' List. Thank you.

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.

New Members' Registration Form

Please include all information requested and email to redandblack@malverncollegiate.com or mail to the M.C.I. address above. Email is greatly encouraged, to reduce our mailing costs. OR you may register on our MRBS website at www.malverncollegiate.com.

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)

Notice: *Use of any personal information is subject to the MRBS Privacy Policy. You can correct or remove your name.*