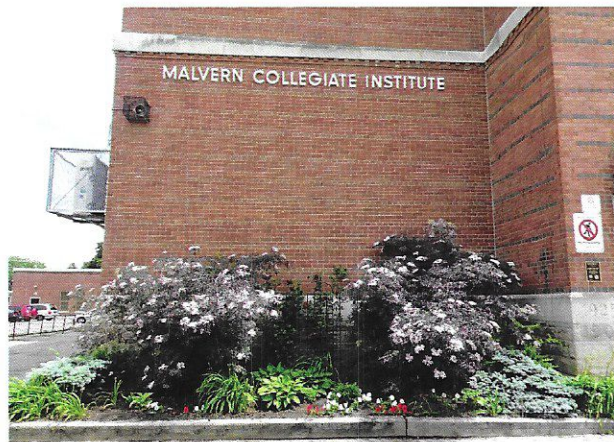


**Malvern  
Red & Black Society  
Annual General Meeting  
Saturday, November 10, 2018  
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
Calvary Baptist Church, Harris Hall  
72 Main St.**



## MRBS EXECUTIVE LIST 2017-18

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Vandra Masemann

**Treasurer; 1940s Rep. and 1960s Rep. and OMF Member**

Robert Watson

**1950s Rep. and OMF Member**

Rod Tennyson

**Member at Large and OMF Member**

Adele Ashby

**Member at Large and Database Manager**

Dianne Chadwick

**Member at Large and Archives Committee Member**

Lois Maxwell

**Member at Large and Archives Committee Member**

Joyce Heighway

**Member at Large**

Vicky Tsorlinis

**Archives Committee Member**

Donna Halliday

**Archives Committee Member**

Eric Malmsten

**1903-1939 Rep.; Technical Director and Service Personnel Historian**

David Fuller

**MRBS Garden Liaison:** Volker Masemann, Joyce Heighway

**Technical issues, emailing etc.:** Tim Daciuk

**1980s Rep.:** Vacant

**1990s Rep.:** Vacant

**2000s Rep.:** Vacant

## **Meeting Agenda**

- 1. Introductions**
- 2. 2017 AGM Minutes**
- 3. Matters arising from the 2017 AGM Minutes**
- 4. President's Report**
- 5. Vice-President's Report**
- 6. Communications Reports**
  - (a) Snail Mail**
  - (b) Phone and Email**
  - (c) Database**
- 7. Treasurer's Report**
- 8. Service Personnel Historian's Report**
- 9. Committee Reports**
  - (a) Archives – V. Masemann**
  - (b) Archives – D. Halliday**
- 10. Other Reports**
  - (a) Technical**
  - (b) Garden**
- 11. Elections**
- 12. Future Planning**
- 13. Other Business**

**Malvern Red & Black Society  
Annual General Meeting**

1:00 p.m. November 18, 2017  
Room 110, Malvern C.I.

Present: Vandra Masemann (Chair), A. Ashby, S. Burk, D. Chadwick, R. Tennyson, Volker Masemann, V. Tsorlinis, R. Watson  
Regrets: D. Fuller, *Donna Halliday*  
Guest: J. Heighway

**1. Introductions**

Guest Joyce Heighway was introduced as a new member of the Archives Committee.

**2. 2016 AGM Minutes**

Adele moved acceptance of the 2016 AGM minutes, seconded by Evan. Accepted.

**3. Matters arising from the 2016 AGM Minutes**

Vandra noted that David had been reimbursed \$500 for his research on Malvern's service personnel. She also noted that she intended to pursue the issue of accessibility at Malvern and that there had been a student petition on the subject. She stated that the issue of the proposed merger with the OMF would be discussed later in the meeting. She noted that the school's 2017 Commencement had been moved to the end of June and that the issue of graduation awards was under discussion.

**4. President's Report -- Vandra**

Vandra stated that the bottom line of our finances shows that the MRBS has more bills than money in the bank. In addition, there is the fact that the MRBS has a people problem. We have no new members of the executive, and almost all current members are retirees and have served beyond the limits set out in our constitution. There is no new blood to take over. The younger generations have new methods of receiving and processing information, and it is possible that the MRBS's current model is not as relevant as it used to be in keeping Malvernites in touch. Acceptance of Vandra President's Report was moved by Vandra, seconded by Adele. Accepted.

**5. Vice-President's Report -- Adele**

Adele moved acceptance of her report, seconded by Sandra. Accepted.

**6. Communications Reports**

**(a) Snail Mail -- Vandra**

Vandra raised an ethical question about what to do with a very few alums who had sent money for a paper subscription of *Musings* when it is now clear that there may never be another issue. There was unanimous agreement that the monies must be returned. Vandra's report was received.

**(b) Phone and Email -- Bob**

Bob's Phone and Email report was received.

**(c) Database -- Dianne**

Dianne's Database Report was received.

Acceptance of all three Communications Reports were moved together by Vandra, Bob, and Dianne, seconded by Volker. Accepted.

## **7. Treasurer's Report**

Bob moved the acceptance of his Treasurer's Report, seconded by Evan. Accepted.

## **8. Service Personnel Historian's Report**

In David's absence, acceptance of his report was moved by Adele, seconded by Sandra. Accepted.

## **9. Committee Reports**

### **(a) Archives – Vandra**

Vandra noted that the Malvern Archives, created and maintained by the MRBS Archives Committee are considered to be the best in the city. The Committee has devoted one day a month to it since 2004. She added that the contents were ready for digitization by the TDSB and that arrangements were being made to attach the Archives to the History Department and ultimately the TDSB to ensure their survival.

Acceptance moved by Vandra, seconded by Rod. Accepted.

### **(b) Archives – Donna Halliday**

Vandra moved the acceptance of Donna's retrospective report on the Archives, seconded by Adele. Accepted.

## **10. Other Reports**

### **(a) Technical – David**

In David's absence, Sandra moved the acceptance of his report, seconded by Vicky. Accepted.

### **(b) Garden – Volker**

Volker noted that the gardens are ready to be handed over to the school and moved acceptance of his report, seconded by Bob. Accepted.

## **11. Discussion and Final Vote on the MRBS**

Vandra noted that 2,000 questionnaires had been sent out to the MRBS members on the subject of the proposed merger of the MRBS and the OMF. There were only 7 responses, all of which were in favour of the merger. However, it was felt that one of the stumbling blocks to merging was the need to raise the standard of operation of the OMF to ensure that it was in compliance with the rules and regulations that govern it. Questions have been raised about its compliance. While it is clear that if the MRBS continues to exist and does not merge with the OMF, the MRBS would have its autonomy restricted. The principal and the Parent Council will now direct both the OMF and the MRBS. The MRBS will be able to fundraise to cover its expenses and projects, but such donations will not receive a tax receipt. If a tax receipt is required, the funding will be funneled through the principal and the Parent Council. Two questions arose from the discussion: should the MRBS merge with the OMF, and if not, should the MRBS be put on hold to give its executive time to decide what to do. Rod noted that a great deal of value added to by the efforts of the MRBS, including the creation and maintenance of the archives and the goodwill of the alums created by the reunions organized by it. These could disappear to the detriment of the school. To maintain the alums' connection to the school, the MRBS or something like it is needed to produce newsletters, update the website, organize reunions, and more. One suggestion was that the MRBS could become a committee of the OMF similar to the arrangement that was proposed for the Archives Committee. The question then became that since the MRBS has significant value, should it be put on hold to give the executive time to regroup or should it be dissolved.

**Moved by Rod, seconded by Bob that the MRBS should not at this time merge with the OMF and**

**that it should take time to work out its future. Accepted.**

The acceptance of the decision not to merge with the OMF at this time raised the question of the MRBS's executive. The terms of both president and vice-president were up, and neither wished to carry on in those positions. **Evan volunteered to stand as a candidate for president, and Sandra volunteered to do so as vice-president. In the absence of any other candidates, both were voted into office,** thereby providing some breathing room to permit the executive to decide the MRBS's future.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

### **President's Report –Evan J. Butchers '62**

I have always had a deep attachment to Malvern Collegiate Institute since I left the "hallowed halls" in 1962 to pursue a career in my chosen profession, one in which I have been actively engaged for the past 49 years.

Over the past ten years or so, I have been part of the Malvern Red and Black Society (MRBS) as a Member at Large and former Treasurer and it has been an honour to serve as President since November 2017. During my term as President, I have been supported by a very loyal, hard-working, devoted group of Malvernites who serve as Past-President, Vice-President/Secretary, Treasurer, Decade Reps, archives, data, and web base support persons.

Since becoming President of the MRBS, I have had the privilege of attending the school to meet with Principal Bernadette Shaw and to view the new Sesquicentennial Plaque that was funded by alumni donations. The bronze plaque, installed above the corner stone at the north entrance to the school, will be a lasting reminder for future Malvern students that we had marked a significant occasion in the history of Canada. I was also pleased to attend the annual Malvern Christmas music concert in December and the Spring Fling senior music concert in May. On June 28, 2018, I attended the Malvern Commencement ceremonies and presented the MRBS Awards to Jojo Okyere-Darkoh and Sebastian Scoular-Stajic. MRBS Past-President Vandra Masemann also attended and presented the Onward Malvern Foundation Awards. I would like to commend Volker Masemann and Joyce (Buck) Heighway for the planting and maintenance of the beautiful flower gardens at the front of the school. The gardens provided a great background for the many photos that were taken by the parents and friends of the 2018 graduating class. In May, I attended the Balmy Beach Canoe Club's annual Hall of Fame dinner where Malvernites Craig Wells (Class of 1963), Jake Lipsett (Class of 1968) and Ron Wright, Jr. (Class of 1974) were inducted into the Hall of Fame. All three have very impressive credentials. In August, a number of Malvernites were part of the BBCC team that competed at the Canadian National Canoe and Kayak Championships in Sherbrooke, Quebec. The team finished third in a field of 48 clubs from across Canada and won many medals, including 17 first-place golds.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention the sadness we felt at the passing of Sonya Munro, who served the MRBS for many years as Corresponding Secretary and Archives Committee Member, and our sorrow at the senseless and tragic death of Reese Fallon, only weeks following her graduation from Malvern.

Under my leadership, I have aimed to broaden our membership by reaching out to over 60 Malvernites

residing in various towns and cities across Canada, the U.S.A., Great Britain and The Bahamas, whom I have known and kept in contact with for the past 56 years. Through the process of continuous recruiting from the ranks, I believe that we will also gain more financial support, enabling us to carry on with our work. We must continue reaching out to students and staff from decades past, particularly those from the 70s, 80s, 90s and 2000s, so that they can carry the torch for MCI and for Malvernites past, present and future.

As I have recently moved to Midland, Ontario, I will be stepping down as President as of November 2018, but will continue to support the MRBS as a Member at Large.

The MRBS has now been in existence for 14 years and continues to keep Malvernites in touch. We look forward to more great years ahead. Thanks to all Malvernites, staff, parents and current students for your continuing support. Onward Malvern!

### **Vice-President's Report – Sandra Burk '75**

I joined the MRBS in the fall of 2008 as a Member at Large and 70s Decade Rep. In November 2017, I was elected Vice-President and over the past year have also served as Recording Secretary and 70s Decade Rep. As MRBS Vice-President, I have served as part of the executive team, taking part in decision making and supporting the Society's ongoing activities. As Recording Secretary, I prepared the minutes of meetings for approval by the executive. This year I also assisted with preparation and mailing of the Fall *Musings* newsletter and with preparation of the documents for our Annual General Meeting. The MRBS executive members are an interesting group of people and it is a pleasure working with them. Also, I am always happy to hear from and catch up with my former classmates and other Malvernites.

### **Communications Reports**

#### **(a) Snail Mail: July 1, 2017 – June 31, 2018 – Vandra Masemann**

1. Snail Mail - This was a very slow year for snail mail as we sent out no *Musings* in Fall 2017 or Spring 2017. There were 6 snail mailed donations to the MRBS, 2 snail mail donations via the OMF for the MRBS, and 2 hand-delivered donations. The remaining snail mail was a couple of donations of material for the Archives.
2. Electronic Mail - On the website CanadaHelps, we received 11 donations for the Sesquicentennial Plaque, for the gardens, and in memory of deceased Malvernites via the website Canada Helps. Our Facebook page was very active with Malvernites posting photos of the past, notices of deceased Malvernites, and recently messages of sympathy following the tragic death of Reese Fallon.

#### **(b) Phone and Email -- Robert D. Watson**

Report of telephone calls and emails from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018:

Telephone calls - 3  
1940s emails - 5  
1960s emails - 2  
Red & Black emails - 20.

**(c) Database November 1, 2017 – October 25, 2018 – Dianne (Renwick) Chadwick**

As of the mailing of the 2018 Fall *Musings*, our updated membership databases are as follows:

Master database = 2,588, Email database = 781, Snail Mail database = 475.

The MRBS membership database was first established at the 100<sup>th</sup> reunion in 2003, and remains a valuable tool for staying in touch. We have members from all decades, including our most senior members who graduated in the 1930s. The membership total of the email and snail mail databases is currently much less than the MRBS master list. Husbands, wives, children, etc., who are at the same address are only mailed or emailed once to keep expenses down. In addition, we have lost contact with some members who have not notified us when they have moved or changed their email addresses. Others have unfortunately passed away.

Maintaining the MRBS databases has been an ongoing process. We received updated contact information regularly. New members contacted us to be added, primarily through the MRBS website. Other members have requested that they be contacted by email rather than by post. Nonetheless, we did get some return-to-sender notices after each newsletter mailing, as well as bounce backs after emailing. We have tried to contact these members to get updated contact information. Members were also encouraged to provide their express consent and keep their contact information up to date in order to stay in touch with fellow Malvernites through *Musings* and other email from MRBS.

**Treasurer’s Report – Robert D. Watson**

The following is a balance statement for the MRBS account for the financial year July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018:

Balance Forward June 30, 2017	\$555.89	
	<b>Revenues</b>	<b>Expenses</b>
MRBS Awards *		\$200.00
Donations Received via MRBS	\$620.00	\$33.20
Donations Received via OMF	\$1,675.00	
Archival/Office Expenses		\$412.70
Archives Cleaning		\$84.46
Musings Subscriptions	\$50.00	
Muse (Yearbook) Copies		\$65.14
Postage		\$25.14
Gardens		\$112.94
Bank Fees		<u>\$27.15</u>
Total	\$2,966.03	\$895.59
<u>Net Balance as of June 30, 2018</u>	<u>\$2,070.44</u>	



Notes:

1. \* One MRBS Award in the amount of \$100. not cashed until after June 30, 2018.

## **Service Personnel Report - David Fuller, Historian**

### **Service Personnel Research**

Research into Malvern's veterans' history is ongoing and their stories have been told at various public events, usually at the Beach and East Toronto Historical Society (BETHS). I will be speaking at the BETHS on Nov. 6, 2018 about Armistice Day and mentioning some of the Malvern men.

An article is being prepared for the October 30th edition of *Beach Metro News* regarding Remembrance Day and the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1918 Armistice. On Nov. 10 in Cobourg, I will be speaking about researching family military history and using some information about Malvern men to illustrate it.

I have responded to a few queries through Ancestry and emails with information on the men and women whose family trees I maintain on Ancestry.

As requested by the MRBS Executive, I will be looking into re-applying for a grant to restore the "Big Book" of photos from the Second World War. The photos still need to be scanned and the book itself preserved in archival condition.

The database of Malvern Service Personnel ("Those Who Served") now sits at 1301 as follows:

- 1914-1918 Honour Roll & War Memorial: 25
- 1914-1918 Those Who Served: 130
- 1939-1945 Honour Roll: 103
- 1939-1945 Those Who Served: 1037
- Post-1945: 6

A future project might be to create a database for posting these lists online. The data is already compiled in an Excel file and could be uploaded to an online database fairly easily. We would need to limit some of the information for the WWII personnel as some are still living. All of those killed in either war, or who served the First World War, are already available online, so no privacy issues apply to them.

## **Committee Reports**

### **(a) Archives Committee Report – Vandra Masemann '62**

We have continued to work on the Archives one day and sometimes two days a month from September 2017 to June 2018. We are making progress, but much still needs to be done. Organizing the archives is an ongoing job, as new items are always being added to the Malvern collection. We continue to get donations of team wear, books, pins, certificates, and so on, from former Malvernites.

Here is an account of the specific activities of the Archives Committee members. As always, we are very grateful for all their work, especially to Donna Halliday for her leadership

- Sonya Munro continued to be interested in our work but was unable to get to Malvern for reasons of ill health. We were able to attend her 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday in May 2018, but she died soon afterwards. Several of our members attended the Memorial Event at Beach United Church. Her files were donated to the Malvern Archives, and mourners were instructed to donate to the MRBS in her memory. We are most grateful for her work in the Archives since 2003.
- Irene Hubel continues to update all the lists of Malvern award and scholarship winners, and has collected news clippings and cut, labelled, and filed them. She is also compiling a list of all the deceased members' obituaries and creating a binder for them.
- Lois Maxwell has been collating the labels for all the file folders and hanging files. Copied paper files have been placed in binders by category, and Lois has placed the originals safely in acid free folders in the same order.
- Bob Watson is continuing with the huge task of duplicating all the paper files for which we do not have copies. He also receives archival inquiries via the MRBS email from Malvernites and responds to them.
- Erik Malmsten has joined us and is mostly occupied researching members' inquiries. He also sorted out many documents in Sonya's Munro's files.
- Joyce Heighway has also joined us. She has been sorting out files and has also joined Volker Masemann in keeping the Malvern gardens well cared for.
- Vandra Masemann handles inquiries to the Archives, which come through the school, and arranges visits for interested Malvernites. She is the liaison person for Malvern staff who want to arrange projects for their students, or organise Remembrance Day or any other events. She also brings requests for funding for archival supplies to the MRBS and OMF meetings for approval.

Aside from updating the staff lists, someone suggested making a database of all students who attended MCI. Names could be taken off the graduation programmes and/or out of the Muses. This idea still awaits a volunteer.

In conclusion, we have continued the work of building the Malvern Archives. The main remaining task is the digitization of our holdings. We have received instructions from the TDSB archivist, Greg McKinnon, on how this might be undertaken. Donna still has to edit the db and accession all the contents before submitting the db to the archive department.

We thank all of those who have donated funds to support the Malvern Archives, who have donated archival files, photographs, vintage clothing and school memorabilia, and those who have worked over the years since 2002 on the archival collection – one year even before the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The only remaining souvenirs which are for sale are the Malvern Centennial Book and the Malvern CI at 110 Book. The price is \$10 plus postage. We have advertised these in the Fall 2018 Musings.

### **(b) Archives -- Donna (Robb) Halliday '65 Retrospective on the Malvern Archives Committee**

I was a member of MCI Centennial Committee from 1998 to 2003. I was a joint editor of the Malvern Centennial book with Vandra Masemann and Paula Warder. From the centennial, we heard requests to keep Malvernites in touch and also found a need to organize MCI's archival collection, which had been stored in the elevator shaft. As a result of our efforts, the collection would be available to the staff,

students and researchers.

The Archives Committee was set up in the fall of 2003. The work is ongoing. We bought archival storage boxes, bags, photo sleeves, etc. and organized the extensive archive collection by subject, e.g., Reunions, Sports, Music, Malvern in the Military, etc. I am creating an archival database on Excel, which will eventually be merged with the TDSB main archival cataloguing system. I have taken photos of events for the Malvern history as well as of archival items, which will be attached to the database.

In 2004, the MRBS was set up, and I was one of the founding committee members. For a few years, I looked after the members' database and printing of the envelopes with the MRBS logo and member addresses for the mailing of the *Musings*, the MRBS newsletter. I continued to be a member of the Archive Committee.

I have helped update various items on the MRBS website. We helped organize Malvern's 110<sup>th</sup> and edited a second book of Malvern's history. We have received many items from former Malvernites and staff and students' estates, which we have incorporated into our collection. I will continue to work on the Archives Committee for the foreseeable future.

## **Other Reports**

### **Technical Report – David Fuller**

Hosting for the MRBS website, including the domain name registration, was renewed by Vandra. There were few problems with the site over the past year and few changes other than ongoing posting of minutes and news items. Some refreshing of the website was recently undertaken. Social media sites have been maintained by members and visitors, mostly through Facebook.

### **Malvern Ornamental Gardens Report -- Volker Masemann and Joyce (Buck) Heighway**

Both the ornamental beds at the front of the school did well again this year. The perennials made a good show, with little winter damage. The ornamental elder bushes thrived and grew lots of new wood after last year's pruning. Once again, we planted red and white petunias in advance of the June Commencement, and the beds were a favourite backdrop for photos taken of the graduates by parents and friends. We were glad that our freshly cleaned-up beds were also the backdrop for pictures taken of the front of the school and the impromptu flower memorial left around the flagpole in honour of Reese Fallon. The beds got their fall tidy-up in October, ready for winter, and the elders were given a pruning in anticipation of next year's rampant growth.

Joyce and Volker would like to note that the favourable comments we have received by staff and passers-by made our volunteer work even more pleasurable.

Postscript from Joyce:

*I felt the 2018 Malvern gardens looked quite presentable. It was a pleasure to hear that the graduating class had many pictures taken in front of our gardens.*