



# *Musings*

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## **NOTICE OF MRBS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Saturday 7 November 2015 at 1:00 p.m.**

**Malvern C.I., Classroom 110**

**Enter from North Parking Lot by Pool Door**

**This year's AGM will be particularly important for the future of the MRBS. Several important positions will be vacant:**

**President**

**Vice President**

**Secretary (2) - Recording and Corresponding**

**Members at Large (2)**

**Who is going to carry on with the work of the MRBS? The future of the MRBS is at stake and will be affected by the election to be held at this meeting. Please consider volunteering for a position that will ensure the future of the MRBS.**

**Nominate yourself or another willing candidate by sending in a nomination to Bob Watson at [redandblack@malverncollegiate.com](mailto:redandblack@malverncollegiate.com). Please include a brief bio and ideas for the future of the MRBS. You must have the agreement of the candidate who is being nominated. Nominations are open up to and including the date of the meeting. Candidates must be willing to attend and speak at the meeting. Thank you!**

## **Message from the President – Report for 2014-2015**

### **Vandra Masemann**

First and foremost, I need to inform the MRBS membership that I will be in violation of our MRBS Constitution if I run again as President in the upcoming MRBS Election. I have already served at least three terms. Two terms at most is supposed to be the limit. Adele Ashby was elected President after me, and I served as Vice President for two terms. Following that, I took over as President again for 2013-2015 because we had no nominees in 2013. Now that term as President is expiring.

We are in serious need of new MRBS Executive members so that we can hand it over to the next generation. So please consider running for office or finding another Malvernite who, in your view, would provide us with the leadership we need for the next era in the history of the MRBS. The present group has been running the show since 2004. We are happy to enable a smooth transition process. The Archives Committee will continue to function as usual.

During the past year, it has been a time of consolidation rather than expansion for the MRBS. We worked seriously on the Archives from September to June and are pleased that Lois Maxwell (Malvern, Class of 1968) has joined our Committee. We also purchased much needed archival supplies, and now almost all our collection is housed in suitable acid-free boxes, folders, and covers. Thanks very much to those who donated specifically to the Malvern Archives. We are very proud of the progress we have made in the past ten years.

We had a display of vintage athletic wear in the main hall of Malvern that Rod Tennyson created for us. We helped with the arrangements for the Remembrance Day assemblies last November and presented two MRBS Awards at the Malvern Commencement. The recipients were Melissa Quinn and Noah Beggs.

The Sequester Project led by Rod Tennyson focussed on getting students to measure the carbon emissions from the growth of trees. He spent many Mondays at the school working with students on this project. It culminated in an event, ReLeaf Day, in late May. Rod has written about it elsewhere in this issue.

During the year, Rod and I participated, as members, at meetings of the Onward Malvern Foundation with Lorie McCauley as Chairperson. An appeal was made to parents and alumni/ae to help with funding for extras for the school that would not normally have been publicly funded. Several grants were made to teachers in the areas of music, sports, math, languages, and science. The funds were generally used to enhance the regular curriculum. The OMF is asking for donations again this fall. The highest needs are auditorium seats, band uniforms, and computers. The seats are needed to replace some well-worn ones. The school has also used some second-hand seats donated by the CBC. You can see that school administrators need to use their imaginations to deal with continuing overall budget cuts..

Two projects that we had hoped to fund have been put on hold. We did not start up another funding campaign to restore the cenotaph following the latest act of vandalism in the theft of the sword from the statue, because we are not able to get assurances that the security is up to par. In 2012, we paid a large amount of money for a new camera and video channel. The new estimate

was \$5,000 for the replacement of the sword. Many suggestions have been made for solutions, but they all involved a large financial outlay.

We have also had to put the restoration on hold of our World War Two Big Book and Doris McCarthy Memorial Book restoration as we did not have sufficient funds to carry out the project. It would have cost \$12,000 or more. We have not been able to secure external funding for restoring these books. We submitted an application to the Canadian Conservation Institute that was turned down as it did not fit their priorities for this funding year.

We made an appeal in the Spring *Musings* for donations to help us survive financially. As we do not charge for membership, all donations are eligible for tax receipts. The generous response in May and June 2015 from Malvernites has made it possible for us to carry on through 2015. However, we will need continued funds to make it possible for us to pay for the continued production and mailing/emailing of the *Musings* and the cost of our website in 2016. It is only with support from our members that we will be able to carry on. Many thanks to all of those who have volunteered on the Executive and donated to the MRBS and the OMF. We really appreciate all of your help.

### **Malvern ReLeaf Day Rod Tennyson**

The Malvern Environment Club held its first **ReLeaf Day** at Malvern Collegiate Institute on Saturday 30 May from 10 to 4 p.m. on Malvern Avenue just out front of the school on the lawn. A Malvern tent had been set up to provide shade. Members of the community who were interested in climate change and what sequestering of carbon dioxide can do to mitigate this world-wide problem of increasing carbon dioxide in the atmosphere came by to purchase tree saplings. The trees were Tulip, Red Maple, Red Oak, Mountain Ash, and Kentucky Coffee trees. Each tree sapling was about 18 inches high and sold for \$10 -- much below nursery prices. These trees had all been approved by the TDSB and the City of Toronto as suitable for the urban forest. The day was successful, and the club raised \$700, with expenses amounting to \$200. A select group of craft vendors were present including a bake sale table with beverages. Many thanks to the teachers, alumni and parents who helped in this event.



**ReLeaf Day Preparations May 27, 2015**



**Malvern Band November 11, 2014**

## In Memoriam

### Former Students

Eugenie (Gall) Harrison, 12 July 2015  
Pat Gillespie, 23 June 2015  
Joan Hull, 2015  
John W. Kippen, 12 April 2015  
Julie Eve Magahy 25 March 2015 \*  
William E. McLean, August 2014  
James O'Halloran, Feb. 2015  
Kenneth Peterson, 1 May 2015

Neil Sorbie, 1 June 2015  
Thomas Michael Stockwell  
Catherine Stone, 8 Feb. 2015  
June Wall, 16 Feb. 2015  
John Wheeler, 4 May 2015

### Teacher

Ronald Chandler, 29 May 2015

\*Correction from Spring *Musings* 2015

## May They Rest in Peace

### Our Readers Write...

We were very pleased to hear from several readers about the Spring issue of the *Musings*. Your notes, letters and Facebook comments are much appreciated. Here are some of your written notes to us:

Patricia Maurice (1944): "I thoroughly enjoy receiving the 'Musings' and appreciate the effort and time it takes to keep Malvernites informed of interesting topics concerning my 'Alma Mater' of which I am a proud graduate."

Jack Finlay (1939): "Congratulations to you, Editors, on a very fine publication. The full-length copy of the speech given by Russ Little, and the article by Joyce Timpson are marked by modesty and advice to reach for significant self-improvement. Reading about both was a great pleasure, enough to activate any graduate, Malvern or other, to honour education. I was reminded of my classmate, Connie Purser, whose arrival and activities in Japan became of such importance." [The Malvern Archives has a file on Constance Purser, under *Illustrious Malvernites*. She was an Anglican missionary and Passionist Nun in Japan for many years. See page 69 in the *Malvern Centennial Book* (Ed. Note).]

Dorothy Hickey "I enjoyed hearing about your and Volker's trip to the cemeteries. It was a very moving picture of you placing the roses in remembrance. I also enjoyed reading the address delivered by Russ Little whom I attended Kimberly school with many years ago – also music classes at Malvern. He is a talented and creative man indeed. I also remember Joyce Timpson, and her sister Ruth was in my class 9F. She certainly has lived an interesting and productive life. I have fond memories of music class and band days, and each time I see the MCI band in the Santa Claus parade I think of visiting the tailor in a little room upstairs in the Armouries in downtown Toronto on a break from my job selling shoes at Eaton's to be measured for my uniform – 55 years ago. It must indeed be in need of repair/replacement. My name was on it!"

T. David Waters writes with his donation: "In honour of my mother Joyce M. Waters (Birch)."

Cyndie Osborne writes to Bob Watson for his help in the archives: "Thank you for your recent assistance and advice with my family research (Ground and Lohead 1949-1952). The work of MRBS to remember and document the school's past and alumni is much appreciated."

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**Treasurer's Report**  
**Robert D. Watson**

The following is a balance statement for the MRBS account for the financial year: 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015

Balance forward 30 June 2014 - \$4,308.95

	Revenues	Expenses
<i>Musings:</i>		
<u>2014 Fall Issue (\$1,331.84)</u>		
Envelopes		\$54.06
Printing		\$311.59
Postage		\$768.40
Bank Posting Error		\$0.04
Emailed Musings		\$197.75
<u>2015 Spring Issue (\$1,056.06)</u>		
Envelopes		\$24.84
Printing		\$213.10
Postage		\$620.37
Emailed Musings		\$197.75
Emailed Consent Processing		\$315.38
MRBS Awards		\$200.00
Vintage Wear	\$1,341.37	\$1,174.30
Donations to/from MRBS	\$1,045.00	\$100.00
Yard Sale	\$193.50	\$229.79
Sequester/Re-leaf Project	\$500.00	\$778.56
Archival Purchases		\$91.02
Office Expenses		\$194.30
Other Postage		\$53.11
Web Consult		\$149.37
AGM Report Printing		\$62.72
Muses Copy Printing		\$107.92
Bank Fees		\$29.40
OMF Transfer to MRBS	\$2,030.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,109.87</b>	<b>\$5,873.77</b>
Total Credits	\$9,418.82	
Net Balance		\$3,525.05
Balance of Account June 30, 2015		\$3,525.05

**News and Notes:**

David Fuller has been invited by the The Beach and East Toronto Historical Society to talk about the **Malvern veterans** at their November meeting. The date and title are still to be determined. Please look for the details on the society's website: <https://tbeths.wordpress.com/events/>.

**Malvern Red and Black Day** has been scheduled for Friday October 9, 2015. This is a day for school sports and school spirit. All Malvernites are welcome. For details of this and other events, please check the Malvern CI website at <http://schools.tdsb.on.ca/malvern/news/calendar/>.

We regret to announce that the **Malvern Military Tattoo** originally scheduled for October 23, 2015 has been cancelled because of the uncertainty of the teachers' contract this summer.

**Allan Turnell (Class of 1966)** has recently contacted us to see if he can find any old Malvern friends. Please email us at [redandblack@malverncollegiate.com](mailto:redandblack@malverncollegiate.com) for us to link you up with him.

Another inquiry: Does anyone know where we could get a replica of a Malvern ring made?

**One of your cheques has been lost by Canada Post. Our sincere apologies. We do not know whose it is. Please contact us if you sent a cheque and have not had a thank you letter.**

### **Tribute to Sonya (Thomas) Munro on her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday**

We are very grateful to Sonya Munro for all her services on the Executive of the MRBS since its founding in 2004. We recently interviewed her after she celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on 29 April 2015 at her home on Silver Birch Avenue. She answered our questions with her usual humour. She was born at 23 Orchard Park Blvd., near the tavern on Queen Street where Miss Vivian used to play. She had two brothers, David who died last year and Noel, the younger one. She attended Duke of Connaught School until Grade 6. At the recent 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the school, she met a cousin of hers she had never met before! She moved in 1936 to the Beach and attended Grades 7 and 8 at Balmy Beach School.

She was at Malvern for Grades 9 to 11, and left at Easter of Grade 11 to do war work. She worked at the CP Railways telegraph division at King and Yonge from 1941 to 1951. She sent telegraphs informing families of the death of their loved ones who died in World War II, as well as more "regular" messages. She also took messages in code that were destined for the censor's office.

In 1949 she went by herself by ship to Australia and stayed there for six months. In 1950 she married Glenn Munro, captain of the Malvern 1939 City Championship senior football team. They had two children, Glenna, who attended Malvern, and Brock who went to Danforth Tech. From 1950 to 1987 she did volunteer work at the Wellesley Hospital, moved to various towns and cities in Canada for Glenn's business ventures and pursued art as a hobby. She was one of a group of fellow artists who called themselves the Salem School of Fine Art and who came to her cottage in Elora to practise their art.

In 2003, she came into the seminar room at Malvern where we were clearing up the memorabilia from the Centennial Reunion and asked if we needed any help. That was the beginning of a long and friendly relationship with all of the other MRBS Executive members. She has compiled files on *Illustrious Malvernites* and *Malvernites after Malvern*. She has taken care of the incoming mail and helped to find "missing Malvernites." She has paid friendly visits to Malvernites and has spent many hours on the computer searching for new addresses. She has become more computer literate than most people her age. We are glad that she volunteered, and we thank her for helping to lay the foundation of the Malvern Red and Black Society.

**Happy Birthday, Sonya!**

# Onward Malvern Foundation

## by President, Lorie McCauley (Dunlop '78)

My Fellow Alumni, I hope you all enjoyed the heat this summer; I've heard we're in for another frosty one this winter. As most of you know, I am the President of the Onward Malvern Foundation (OMF), a registered charitable organization whose sole purpose is to raise the funds needed to ensure Malvern Collegiate Institute (MCI) has everything it needs to help its students achieve their highest potential. Our Board consists of volunteers, staff, parents, alumni and our current Principal, acting in an Ex-Officio capacity.

We fundraise to you, our Alumni, in the hopes that you'll pick up the gauntlet and help in any way you can to ensure today's students have the same advantages you did. We also fundraise to current parents encouraging them to aid in providing the funds needed to purchase the necessary items for all the current school needs.

Since our inception we have raised funds for such items as instruments and equipment for the music department, sports equipment and facilities, pool upgrades, science equipment, annual scholarships, bursaries, archive committee shelves, auditorium seats, art and extra-curricular activities, restoration of the school Cenotaph, the fitness centre building and supporting the Malvern Red & Black Society, our alumni/ae group. One of our former alumni, Rod Tennyson, has given the current student body an amazing opportunity of learning how to begin to repair the damages wrought to the environment by introducing them to his Sustainability Project. This ground-breaking research will ensure Malvern CI becomes a leader in our country's environmental fight.

I'm sure, if you weren't a band member, music student, or friend of one of the two, you enjoyed watching our school marching in the smart red jackets and tartan kilts. We have made an impression everywhere we went. As we all know, the uniforms have been part of the band programme for a very long time, and the uniforms are starting to fall apart, some are in need of serious mending, and some, rather more, replacing. Because of this, our band is no longer uniform when we compete, march, or perform at places such as Roy Thomson Hall, the Santa Claus Parade or the Beaches Easter Parade. I wonder what Mr. McRae would think? Our current Director of Music, Mr. Mike Falla, informs me we have upwards of 15 uniforms that need replacing or repairing. Much of Malvern's environment within the school needs serious upgrading as well, and only a small portion will be covered by the TDSB's budget. Our auditorium is in dire need of new seating. We had a very generous donation from the CBC of several rows of chairs when they closed their original building. Unfortunately, the brackets for these, which allow for them to be fastened to the floor of the auditorium, were not included and have to be manufactured to fit. In the past few years we've had generous donors who have funded the cost of a chair, but since their donation, the costs have increased exponentially and we are having to supplement to purchase them as well as pay to have them installed by TDSB approved staff. Along with the chairs, the curtains, which have been there since I attended, are also falling apart, and all are in need of some TLC. The current Drama and Music Departments make the best of it, but their performances would be much better received if the auditorium were in better condition.

Would you be able to help us get Malvern back to order by donating towards these ambitious goals? If you could find it in your hearts and your budgets to donate to replacing, repairing, mending either the auditorium or the uniforms, it would be most appreciated. All are eligible for tax receipts. 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](http://www.Canadahelps.org). Thank you, and here's to a wonderful 2015/16 school year. Want to learn more? Have some suggestions? Contact me at [lmccauley@live.ca](mailto:lmccauley@live.ca). I'd love to hear from you.

**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](mailto: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](http://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) \_\_\_\_\_



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