



# Musings

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From the Malvern Red and Black Society

c/o Malvern Collegiate Institute, 55 Malvern Avenue, Toronto, Ontario M4E 3E4

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

**Vandra Masemann**

At our Annual General Meeting held at the Balmy Beach Club on November 4, 2007, we had a modest attendance (under 20) but a lot of enthusiasm. We thanked Randy Deffett and outgoing members for their great efforts to lay the foundation for the Malvern Red and Black Society and Randy's leadership since 2004.

A new Executive was elected to four vacant positions as follows:

President: Vandra Masemann '62

Vice President: Adele Ashby '62

Secretary: Sonya Munro '40

Member at Large: and 60s Co-ordinator: Bob Watson '60

Len Nanjad remains as Treasurer and Donna Halliday as Member at Large.

Our Decade Co-ordinators are as follows:

David Hayne – 1920s and 30s

Sonya Munro – 1940s

Rod Tennyson – 1950s

Bob Watson – 1960s

Randy Deffett – 1970s

Louise Greenaway – 1980s

Shanta Nathwani – 1990s

Tim Daciuk and Shanta Nathwani continue to provide us with technical support.

Malvern graduate of 2007, Russell Pulkys, keeps our website updated when we provide the material. Our Message Board is now fully functional.

We had reports from the Executive and various committees. We are on a sound financial footing, but will need some financial support from members to carry us into the future. We have mutually agreed with Johnson Insurance to dissolve our association with them as sponsors, but we do most heartily thank them for the \$955.55 received from their sponsorship in the 2006-2007 financial year. Please see inside the Musings for our financial reports and the page Ways to Support Malvern to see how you may continue to support the MRBS and the school. Thank you very much to all those who have sent in donations this year

**To reach any of us, you can telephone the Alumni Hotline at 416-393-8683 and leave a message. Or email us at [redandblack@malverncollegiate.com](mailto:redandblack@malverncollegiate.com) or any of the decade emails as shown on the website.**

## **Coming Events:**

**CHANGE OF DATE: May 15, 2008. Reunion of Early Malvernites (1920s, 30s and 40s). Please see details on pg ?**

**Will there not be a separate page with all this info? Does it all need to be repeated here?**

**The 1950s/60s Reunion is planned for September 27, 2008 at the Balmy Beach Club. A volunteer committee has already been struck, chaired by Rod Tennyson. See details on page 2 and enclosed registration form in 50s/60s mailing.**

**MALVERN REUNION  
FOR THE 50s & 60s DECADES**

**27 September 2008**

We wish to invite all Malvern alumni/ae from the 1950s and 1960s to a reunion this fall on the afternoon of 27 September at the Balmy Beach Club. Please take a moment and send in the enclosed registration form or email it to us if you are planning to attend, so we can determine the level of interest. This time, we are combining the 50s and 60s decades. It has been three years since the 50s decade met; about 200 alumni/ae came to the Balmy Beach Club in May 2005. This year Mr. Mighton has already promised us the Malvern band for our listening pleasure.

We are soliciting volunteers for the organizing committee to meet in late spring to plan this event and/or who would be willing to help out at the event. Interested? Please let us know.

If this combined decades reunion sounds like fun, please let us know ASAP by sending us your registration form by mail to the school or by email to <[rctennyson@aol.com](mailto:rctennyson@aol.com)> or <[1960s@malverncollegiate.com](mailto:1960s@malverncollegiate.com)>. Please include the word "Malvern" in the tag line so if the email goes to our spam files, we can quickly find it.

We hope this message finds you all well, and with any luck, we can meet again to share stories and memories in September, 2008.

Rod Tennyson  
1950s Decade Coordinator  
Robert (Bob) Watson  
1960s Decade Coordinator  
Malvern Red & Black Society

**NEW MEMBERS OF THE MRBS  
EXECUTIVE**

**Bob Watson, Member at large and 1960s  
alumni representative**

I attended MCI between 1954 and 1960, thus qualifying for the exclusive six year club. I worked for a major Canadian bank for 40 years, mostly in Toronto but also in Halifax, Montreal

and Guelph. I am retired and live with my wife Ella (Lou) in Pickering. I have recently self-published a book entitled *Remembering Eddie*, an anecdotal memoir of my maternal grandfather's life. I have many memories of Malvern including: being a member of the junior football team that went to the city finals at Varsity Stadium; marching in the field beside the boy's gym in old cadet uniforms – especially when the Malvern band was playing nearby; being a 'class clown' in grade 10 and actually getting good marks; having the feared vice-principal as a math teacher and ending up thinking he was all right; being told to roll my blue jean cuffs down by the principal – more than once; learning to act from an English/Drama teacher; having a French teacher walk into class day one speaking French and French only; having to swim, *sans* suit, in the Malvern pool; playing intramural basketball in the boy's gym on the lunch hour; serving a detention after school with two attractive senior girls as supervisors; watching the girls walk through the halls in their long skirts, white socks and two-tone shoes, cradling their binder and books lovingly in their arms. No paragraphs in either Bob or Adele's bios?

**Adele Ashby, Vice-President, Recording  
Secretary, and Musings Co-Editor**

I graduated from Malvern in 1962 in the same class as Vandra (MRBS President) and her husband, Volker Masemann. I went on to the University of Toronto where I collected a B.A. in modern languages, a B.L.S. and then an M.L.S. from the faculty of library science, a M.Ed. in adult education, and a Ph.D. in Canadian studies. Throughout most of my working life, I always kept a foot in both the public and private sectors, working as a librarian, at TVO, as an editor, and as a college professor. An interest in money management led me to the Canadian Securities Institute where I acquired another set of funny letters and subsequently worked in the financial services industry. I am presently enjoying life with my rescued Portuguese Water Dog, Toby, and am planning to begin a B.F.A. at York University.

## Summary of the Membership Survey, 2007

Last year we surveyed MRBS members to get an idea of how committed the members were to the organisation and how satisfied they were with its services. We needed to know if our efforts were bearing fruit and if the members thought that the organisation served a useful purpose.

While we posted the frequency tables showing the numerical results of the Membership Survey on our MRBS website last year, we did not provide a verbal account for those who do not have computers. The results are summarised as follows.

A total of 168 Malvernites returned their questionnaire; 132 by email and 26 by Canada Post, within a few weeks of our sending it out in May 2007. Out of a total database of 2900, this response may seem small but it is not unusual for such polls. Note that the persons who responded were a sample of our most interested members. The percentages below are based on the tabulation of the email responses but the two sets of responses were almost the same except that the email respondents expressed more enjoyment that the MRBS exists.

The responses to each question can be summarised in a single sentence. The majority agreed or strongly agreed (69%) that having the society in existence had brought enjoyment to them, and 60.6 % thought that the society was THEIR MRBS. Just under 51 % planned to attend a future meeting or reunion. Nearly 60% agreed or strongly agreed that the quorum of MRBS member should equal those who attend an Annual General Meeting. An impressive 54.5 % of members always read MRBS communications, and 31.1 % read them sometimes. The website was somewhat less used, with just over 20% of respondents visiting the website often or very often and nearly 64% saying that they never or rarely visited it.

As for being willing to pay a nominal membership fee if necessary, some 45% were willing or very willing to do so. Only 12% of respondents felt that it would not matter to them

if the MRBS no longer existed, 17.4% were undecided, and 67.4% felt that it would matter to them.

The question about group benefit programs (eg group insurance) elicited the most negative response. Only 14.6 % saw value in having them, 43.2% were undecided, and 39.4% disagreed or strongly disagreed with having them made available to MRBS members. However, 47% thought that for such programs to be effective, they needed to be informed of such programs.

The policy implications of these results approved at the MRBS Executive meeting in July 2007 were as follows:

- a) We need to revise the Constitution to allow for a quorum at the AGM to equal the attendance.
- b) We voted to not renew the contract with Johnson Insurance when it lapsed in 2007. This suited them also as our agreement with them had not yielded enough sales to make it worth their while.

## NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE MRBS CONSTITUTION

**The Executive of the MRBS are proposing a change in the MRBS Bylaws. The aim is to regularise the acceptance as a quorum of the total number of those present at the Annual General meeting, as members do not show up in large numbers for the AGM. The proposed change is worded as follows: “Quorum, for meeting of members, for the transaction of business of any meeting of the members, shall consist of four (4) directors and as many members as are present (replaces twenty (20)).” Please send any comments on this proposal if you wish before we vote on it. A two thirds majority vote of the Executive is required to change the Bylaws.**

**Highlights of Presentation to Annual  
General Meeting, 4 November 2007  
Prepared by Len Nanjad, MBA, CMC  
MRBS Treasurer**

The MRBS operated on a lean, donations-driven budget in 2006/7. Donations and sponsorship income was about \$2890.56 while expenses totalled \$3,070.82. The slight deficit of \$180.26 was covered by funds from the cash reserve. As of November 4, 2007, cash on hand was about \$2,760. We expect the current year to be similar to last year in terms of donations generated from members to cover most operating expenses.

Here are some facts about our financial model.

Each year

- We expect to generate about \$2,000 to \$3,000 in donations from our members.
- We spend about \$1,200 for each edition of the Musings (paper and e-mailing) and we have committed to doing two editions each year.
- We spend about \$ 200 to maintain the MRBS website.
- We contribute a \$100 Malvern C.I. commencement scholarship award.
- We allocate funds for materials to maintain the archives.
- We try to maintain a cash reserve of approximately \$2,000 which was built up from the large number of donations at the inception of the MRBS in 2004/5.

**MALVERN COMMENCEMENT  
November 2007**

Sonya Munro attended the Malvern commencement last November to represent the MRBS and give out the MRBS award. It is still an impressive event when all the Malvern graduates file across the stage to receive their diplomas and awards. There are now so many awards that they are not given out individually as they were in the past. Instead, a group of presenters gives them out at one time.

Sonya gave us her account: "Everything went well. The band sounded good. The choir not bad. I met a lot of new people who turned out to either live close to me or knew people I knew. I introduced myself to Russell Pulkys (our MRBS webmaster) at the reception afterwards, and thanked him for all the work he is doing for our website. Maybe they will have a CD of the proceedings. Tom Brown the weatherman from CTV gave the speech to the grads. Great evening. I was proud to be there. Onward Malvern."

**AFRICA EDUCATION PROJECT**

We have heard recently from Paul Scott ('68) who sends us information about a very worthwhile education project in Africa initiated by two Malvernites from the 1960s, Joanne (Nancekivelle) Elmer and Dale Mann. It is called the OSOTWA Learning Project. In the language of the Maasai, OSOTWA has the dual meaning of creating a relationship between different peoples and providing something to another person without pay. It is the name chosen by them for their educational program for young Maasai children in the Ngorongoro Region of Tanzania. Check out their website at <http://www.osotwa.org/Osotwa/Welcome.html>. Perhaps you would like to help them in this work.

## MALVERN SOUVENIRS

There are still a few Centennial souvenirs left. Prices have dropped. Buy now, so you won't be disappointed.

**Ladies' golf shirts** \$20.00  
Red (with black MCI 1903-2003 )  
5-M 2-L

**Men's' golf shirts** \$20.00  
Red (with black MCI 1903-2003 )  
3-M

1 **White Teddy Bear** \$5.00

**Centennial Books** (reduced!)\$10.00

5 **MCI carryall bags**, (Black with red lettering 18"X16") \$5.00 each

View online at [www.malverncollegiate.com](http://www.malverncollegiate.com).

Send orders to the MRBS, c/o Malvern C.I., 55 Malvern Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M4E 3E4 ATTN: Donna Halliday or email order to [souvenirs@malverncollegiate.com](mailto:souvenirs@malverncollegiate.com).

**Malvern Grad, Christine Allman (class of 81), invites others to join the Scarborough Concert Band**

I enjoyed playing in the band for the five years that I attended Malvern. After I graduated, my clarinet made its way into the closet and rarely saw the light of day. Around the time of the Malvern Reunion, someone sent a message to

the band members announcing that a community band in Pickering was looking for members. I thought of joining, but thought that Pickering was a long way away. It did inspire me to do an Internet search, and I learned of the Scarborough Concert Band. I have been a member of the Scarborough Community Band for a number of years and find it very enjoyable. The band is currently looking for new members.

The Scarborough Concert Band was founded in 1972 by Steven Duff, then the head of the music department at David and Mary Thompson Collegiate Institute, as a vehicle for the graduates of high school music programs to remain active with their respective instruments.

The band meets on Monday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Samuel Hearne Senior Public School, which is near Pharmacy and Danforth. Many of the members of the band do not live in Scarborough. There are currently two other Malvern graduates in it.

I enjoy the band and wish that I had found it several years earlier. For more information, people can go to the website or phone me at (416) 269-9899. The website for the Scarborough Concert Band is [www.sccb.org](http://www.sccb.org)

**What's new at Malvern** (small items to be added after contacting the Principal)

## **SUPPORTING MCI**

Malvern C.I. has passionate support from several organizations.

Here is a list of them, and, if you choose, you can lend your support by donating financially, by volunteering, or by providing other services.

### **Onward Malvern Foundation:**

This organization exists to raise funds that are not covered in the operating budget for the current needs of the school and its students. These include items such as sports equipment or facilities, music extra-curricular, art extra-curricular, annual scholarships, exit (graduation) scholarships, as well as support for the Malvern Red and Black Society.

Donations can be sent to the Onward Malvern Foundation c/o Malvern Collegiate Institute 55 Malvern Ave., Toronto, ON M4E 3E4

If you would like to get involved with the management and fundraising activity of the Onward Malvern Foundation, please contact Steve Thomas at [SteveT@stephentomas.ca](mailto:SteveT@stephentomas.ca)

### **Malvern Red and Black Society:**

This organization exists to “keep Malvernites in touch” and provides services such as care and maintenance of the school archives, managing a member list of over 2500 members, newsletters, e-mail updates, website ([www.malverncollegiate.com](http://www.malverncollegiate.com)), support for reunions and gatherings of Malvern alumni and others. Several other initiatives may get underway as our members get more involved and contribute their time to them.

Donations to support ongoing activity of your MRBS can be directed to the Onward Malvern Foundation or sent directly to the Malvern Red and Black Society c/o Malvern Collegiate Institute, 55 Malvern Ave., Toronto, ON M4E 3E4. Inquiries on ways to get involved can be sent to Vandra Masemann at [president@malverncollegiate.com](mailto:president@malverncollegiate.com)

### **Malvern Home and School Council:**

The Malvern Parent’s Council is involved with supporting the activity and spirit of the school for the parents of its existing students. The

Council also raises funds to provide for Scholarship awards and other support for school needs and activities. Inquiries and support can be directed to Mark Greenfield at [mark.greenfield@scotiabank.com](mailto:mark.greenfield@scotiabank.com) or Jane Hargraft at [jabar@rogers.com](mailto:jabar@rogers.com)

### **[www.shopandsupport.ca](http://www.shopandsupport.ca):**

An initiative of the Parent’s Council, this is a great way to support Malvern through spending you would do anyway on groceries, home repair, gifts, dining and other regular purchases. By ordering gift cards through [www.shopandsupport.ca](http://www.shopandsupport.ca), a portion of the proceeds will be donated by the retail organization to Malvern C.I. Check out [www.shopandsupport.ca](http://www.shopandsupport.ca) and direct your purchase contributions to Malvern C.I., using the Group ID code : 0100552085.

### **Malvern Scholarship Fund:**

This is a general fund used to provide annual and graduation scholarship awards each year to Malvern students. Inquires and donations can be sent to the Malvern Scholarship Fund, c/o **Marlene Bourdon-King** Malvern Collegiate Institute, 55 Malvern Ave., Toronto, ON M4E 3E4 or email **[marlene.bourdon-king@tel.tdsb.on.ca](mailto:marlene.bourdon-king@tel.tdsb.on.ca)**.

### **The Boys of Malvern**

This is a project to restore the war memorial statue at the front of the school which commemorates Malvernites lost in the First World War. You can learn more about this at <http://www.padj.biz/malvern/statue/index.html>. Inquiries can be directed to Arnie Williamson at [arnie\\_williamson@hotmail.com](mailto:arnie_williamson@hotmail.com) and donations made through the Onward Malvern Foundation (see above).

*Others?...* If you know of an organization that exists to support Malvern through its community of people connected with the school, let us know and we can help spread the word.

## Permission to Post My Name on the MRBS Public Members' List

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.

**Members' Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

### 1. Financial Donations

I am pleased to donate to the MRBS the amount of \$(CDN) \_\_\_\_\_ to assist in covering administrative expenses. All monies will be utilized in accordance with the MRBS Charter. I understand that the MRBS is not a charitable status organization, so my donation will not be tax deductible. Make your cheque or money order out to, 'Malvern Red and Black Society' and mail to Malvern Red and Black Society c/o Malvern C.I. 55 Malvern Avenue Toronto, Ontario Canada M4E 3E4.

**Please enclose a note with your donation, to answer this question:**

- **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.**

### 2. New Members' Registration Form

**Please include all information requested and email to [redandblack@malverncollegiate.com](mailto: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?

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 information by replying to our mailing address or email address above.