



Musings

“Keeping Malvernites in Touch” / Fall 2022

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NOTICE TO MALVERNITES! We have just sent out 460 copies of the paper version of the *Musings*. As our funds are low because of the lack of donations since 2020, we asked those Malvernites to [switch to email](#) to cut down on our postage costs. We also welcome [donations](#) from email Malvernites! Website fees also cost money.

CALL FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, NOVEMBER 12, 2022

On behalf of the Malvern Red and Black Society, we invite all of our members to attend our Annual General Meeting via the Internet on November 12, 2022 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. We hope you have all been safe and healthy, and wish all of you a good year. The MRBS Annual Report will be available as a separate file, so that you can have it with you if you attend the meeting.

There are two steps in advance of the meeting. Please do not wait until five minutes before the meeting in case you encounter any hitches. We need you to [register here](#).

We are calling for nominations (and/or nominate yourself) for officers for the following positions:

Vice President - 3-year term

Recording Secretary – 1-year term
2 Members at Large - 1- and 3-year term
Please email any nominations, including self-nominations
to redandblack@malverncollegiate.com. Thank you.

For non-Internet people: You will also be able to register by calling Dianne Renwick at 416-770-4024. You may then obtain the Zoom phone numbers for the Nov.12 meeting.

MALVERN WEAR FOR SALE



Check out our Malvern caps this year! Go to our website and look for MRBS Shop on the right-hand end of the top banner. We deliver to addresses in close postal codes in the east end. For all others, postage is calculated in the cost. Other items may be available later. malverncollegiate.com/mrbs-shop/

President's Message ***RED AND BLACK IS BACK!***

by Randy Deffett, class of '77

President, MRBS

What is Important to You?

We reached out to MRBS members (you), in April and July 2022 and appreciate all your feedback to our alumni survey. The results are posted on our website. Our most important activities, as rated by you:

1. Alumni News
2. Alumni Social Activities
3. Archives Restoration
4. Support MCI Activities
5. Cenotaph/Gardens, Malvern Wear & Memorabilia (tied)

MRBS - What's Next?

To 'Keep Malvernites in Touch' in 2022-2023, we are busy with:

1. Communications

We will publish two *Musings* annually, including postal mail to our 464 members with no internet access. You can now follow us on Instagram, to complement our Facebook and website social media.

2. In Memoriam Page

We have launched an 'In Memoriam' Page on our website to better honour our Malvern friends who have passed.

3. 2023 Reunion- Need Your Feedback

We are planning a reunion: MCI 120th daytime at the school and Pub Night. Exact venue/date to be confirmed. Send us your opinion to help us plan and we welcome volunteers to help organize! Let us know by email or mail.

4. 2022 Annual General Meeting

1pm Sat. Nov. 12 on Zoom. Join Us!

We will discuss future plans and elect Executive. We love volunteers and new candidates.

5. Archives Room Open

We are proud of our collaboration with MCI to organize the archives. Come in to enjoy our historical collection. Visits are by appointment- please contact us in advance by email.

6. Reconnecting with MCI

With the school re-opened, we are once again working closely with the principal, Sandy Kaskens. In 2022, your MRBS participated in the Cenotaph Centennial ceremony and the MCI Commencement. For grads, we published a Commencement brochure (posted on our website). We look forward to helping with the exhibits of historical photographs. Come see the improvements in the halls of MCI!

The Result: We Are Growing

Registered membership is 1,436. We have 1,040+ Facebook subscribers and our Instagram followers are increasing. We are doing something right! But...

We Need Your Support

Operating your MRBS costs money. We do not charge membership fees and have no outside funding source, so we depend on donations.

You obviously enjoy what we do (you are reading this *Musings!*), so please dust off your wallet. Your \$25 (or more) donation will do wonders! Do not delay. See our [Donation/Registration Page here](#) or go directly to the CanadaHelps.org website and choose **The Onward Malvern Foundation to donate online**. You can choose the project to direct your funds, and all donations will receive a tax receipt. If you prefer, mail us a cheque, made out to 'The Onward Malvern Foundation'. Thanks for your generosity!

MARK YOUR MRBS CALENDAR...

1. Nov. 12, 2022 - MRBS Annual General Meeting at 1pm via Zoom or phone
 2. April/May 2023 - Malvern's 120th Anniversary Reunion and Open House - date TBA
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Our New Logo

by Darija Dias



The idea behind the new logo was to help move the MRBS forward and be more modern while still honoring our history and those who came before. As a mascot, the black knight was a unifying symbol for all teams and clubs. It was a way we could represent our school and make it proud.

Announcements

MALVERN C.I. 120th ANNIVERSARY REUNION AND OPEN HOUSE

Your MRBS is planning a 120th anniversary reunion to be held in April or May 2023. The reunion will comprise two opportunities to meet and greet past friends and share in school memories:

- **BACK TO SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE:** alumni are welcome to come back to Malvern in the afternoon (1-4pm) to gather with old friends and share the nostalgia of past years. Decade rooms will be set aside, the archives will be open, and it is hoped that students will be serving refreshments.
- **PUB NIGHT:** come join your friends for an evening at a venue TBA and renew old memories and school friendships. Cash bar and food will be available. Photos from past reunions will be on display.
- Further details on the date and programme will be available on the MRBS website and social media before the new year.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR THIS EVENT - please

email: redandblack@malverncollegiate.com or write to us (there is still time!).

MALVERN CENOTAPH APPEAL LAUNCHED

On May 24, 2022, the Malvern community gathered to mark the 100th anniversary of the dedication of the cenotaph. An outdoor ceremony beginning at 10am featured local dignitaries, guest speakers and students reading out the names of the men whose names adorn the base of the statue, along with performances by the Malvern band and choir. A live stream of the event was also broadcast to students in their classrooms.

The event also served to announce the beginning of a new campaign to repair the monument and upgrade security measures to ward off future vandals. This project will not be a full restoration, which was done in 2011, but will include sculpting a new sword and replacing some of the hand-crafted lead lettering that was damaged when pranksters climbed on it. We had hoped to finish this project in time for 2022, but the pandemic delayed our plans. Please be generous to help us raise \$10,000 for this project. Please direct any questions to redandblack@malverncollegiate.com.

About your Tax Receipts... The Onward Malvern Foundation and CanadaHelps

Donations to the MRBS are used to fund the bi-annual *Musings* newsletter, the website, special events, office and archives expenses, and the annual MRBS award to a student who has contributed to fostering the Malvern spirit. In the past, donations have served to help restore the Malvern Cenotaph in conjunction with a grant from Veterans' Affairs Canada. All donors who make out their donation cheques to the Onward Malvern Foundation will receive their tax receipt from the OMF Treasurer in due course. Donors who use the CanadaHelps website (CanadaHelps.org) will receive their tax receipts by return email. The MRBS pays a small commission for this service. See page 8 of this *Musings* for further information about Registration and Donations. Thank you very much for helping to support the MRBS in this post-pandemic period.

The Onward Malvern Foundation was created over 20 years ago by a Malvern parent and volunteer who noted that many of the necessary items for students were no longer covered by the TDSB and therefore would require fundraising in order to purchase and or maintain uniforms, instruments, and other items no longer covered. The current President is another Malvern parent and former student, Ken Scullion (class of 73). The OMF website is under construction at www.onwardmalvern.ca.

MRBS - Organizational Progress in 2022 The Tribe Has Spoken

by Tim Daciuk

In April 2022, the MRBS sent out a survey to all Malvernites on our email list, and in July we followed it up with a survey to those who were hard to reach or that we had not heard from in a while. We received an excellent response to both surveys from the Malvern community. We received alumni responses from the 1940s to the 2010s. 95% of respondents were aware of the MRBS, and 63% were members. Respondents wanted Alumni News (87%) and Social Events (67%). Respondents wanted to hear from the MRBS on a quarterly basis (48%) with email being the favoured communication (86%). This information will help the MRBS formulate initiatives for the upcoming year. Thank you to everyone who took the time to respond. To see the full

survey results, go to the hyperlink, <https://tinyurl.com/yc8bms3e> press Control and click on. There are 23 pages of detailed results!

Updating our Database during the Pandemic

by Donna Halliday

During the past two years, I have cross checked the MRBS master database (db). I've removed all the 'no-permission' members, the members who have passed away, the bounce backs, etc. The final results are an Active Master of 1436 members, (emails 969, snail 464) and no permissions of 1008. The deceased db is 648 members, about 200 of them from the original master db. Of the 1000 FB members, 249 of them are also on the master db. The members' db has been sent to the database manager Dianne Renwick and the relevant Executive members. Its privacy is strictly guarded.



MCI Commencement - June 29, 2022

by Randy Deffett

What a day at The Guild Inn Estate! Thank you to principal Sandy Kaskens for inviting Randy to represent the MRBS and Ken Scullion, the Onward Malvern Foundation, at this event. Randy presented our annual MRBS Award to graduate, Zoe Reichert. It was exciting to share in this momentous day as grads started their future after Malvern. We welcome the 2022 Graduating class in joining us now - as Alumni and Alumnae!

We also produced an MRBS brochure was given out to every graduate. See the link on our website.

Congratulations to Kristine Drakich, (Malvern Class of 83) for being voted into the Volleyball Canada Hall of Fame in June 2022!

Here is the write-up from the University of Toronto: Kristine Drakich - Women's Volleyball Coach - University of Toronto Athletics (varsityblues.ca):

"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 have qualified for 30 OUA [Ontario University Athletics] Final Four appearances in 31 years, including 22 consecutive appearances from 1990-2010, winning the OUA championship 11 times. She led the Blues to a 25-0 perfect season in 2015-16, claiming their second straight OUA banner, and first-ever national championship in program history. Drakich earned U SPORTS national coach of the year honours in 2014-15.

A former captain and all-Canadian with the Varsity Blues, Kristine was a member of Canada's national volleyball and beach volleyball teams and was a 2001 inductee into the University of Toronto's Sports Hall of Fame and in the Ontario Volleyball Association Hall of Fame in 2018. She has volunteered at almost every level of the sport, internationally and nationally with the Fédération Internationale de Volleyball (FIVB), International University Sports Federation (FISU), Canadian University Sport (USports), Volleyball Canada, Ontario Volleyball Association and she was the Sport Organizing Chair for volleyball at the TO2015 Pan American Games."

Memories of Mr. Douglas

Bob Watson (Malvernite from 1954 to 1960)

When I was getting ready to enter Grade 10 at Malvern in 1956, I received what we all did then, a list of all your teachers for the coming year. When I saw the Vice-Principal's name (Mr. Douglas), for Math, I shivered as he had a reputation of being tough. When I got to my first class with him, I was surprised to find only about 20 students in the room, my smallest class ever at MCI. He turned out to be one of the best teachers I ever had. Subsequently, when I was changing classes and he was doing hall duty, he often would ball out young students for making too much noise as I remembered from when I was young. One day when he had done this to a group ahead of me, when I quietly went past him, he looked at me and winked. Mr. Douglas was tough, but he also had a sense of humour.

Our New *In Memoriam* Page: Paul Warner

We thank Paul Warner for his work on the [*In Memoriam Page*](#) which is linked to our website. It contains the list of all deceased Malvernites we have learned of in these past 20 years and their obituaries where possible. It has photographs in many cases and is

searchable by surname and maiden name. In turn, we are removing their names on the Members List on our website. However, we do keep a separate database of all deceased Malvernites. If you learn of their passing, please notify us of any Malvernites you hear about by emailing us at redandblack@malverncollegiate.com.

Thank you.

News and Memories

Remembering my Brother, David Barr, Malvern CI Class of 1993*

On the Occasion of Renaming Hope House in his Honour in Guelph, April 30, 2022

By Gordon Barr

David was a special young man as evidenced by the many cards and letter my parents received as well as the overwhelming attendance at his funeral. Words such as loved, humble, strong, accepting and missed come to mind when I think of how David was remembered by his friends. He left an impression on all he met, not so much by his words but by his actions. He truly led by example and treated everyone with respect.



I have been involved at Hope House since its inception in 2012. I have found using my talents to help the marginalized in my community very fulfilling. Hope House treats our community members with dignity and respect as it meets their needs in practical and innovative ways. It has grown from providing food to the marginalized in Guelph to offering

a wide variety of services including programs such as Ease Back to Work, access to clothing at no cost, a produce garden for food, counselling services, and the list goes on.

Photo: David Barr attended Malvern CI from 1988 to 1992. He would have graduated with the class of 1993, but was tragically killed in a car accident before entering Grade 13. He is shown here with his niece Jessica.

I had the opportunity to name the building which Hope House and several other charities operate out of when Hope House purchased the building. The naming ceremony allowed me to say goodbye to David and give him the eulogy that I was not up to giving at his funeral. In many ways, it was a gift to my parents who were fearful that David would be forgotten. A number of David's schoolmates made the trip to Guelph from all over the province, a courtesy which in my mind is a tribute to his impact even after all these years.

It was and still is a loss that I will never get over, but giving back in a tangible way has helped me cope with the loss of my brother.

Donation and Registration

Subscribe or update your information on our Registration: [Become a Member Today!](#)

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You can donate to the Onward Malvern Foundation online via the Canada Helps website at www.canadahelps.org.

If you prefer to mail a cheque for your donation, please send it to:

OMF/MRBS
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Indicate if you wish to receive a tax receipt. Please also let us know if you wish to have your donation mentioned on our website, or if you wish to remain anonymous.

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