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## Mount Doug Alumni Association Spring 2016 Newsletter

Welcome, Mount Doug Alumni Association members. Make sure your friends are signed up on our website, so they too can enjoy this Spring Newsletter... have them go to: [moundoug alumni.com](http://moundoug alumni.com)



### SAVE THE DATE!

November 4 & 5, 2016 is the Celebration year of our school turning 85!! Join us at the Mount Douglas Secondary School (3970 Gordon Head Road) for some interesting fun!

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#### *Our MDAA Vision:*

*Engaged with alumni, students & staff  
Showing pride & spirit in our school.*

### President's Message -



Hello Mount Doug Alumni,

Our board of directors is revving up for our MD 85th Celebration this fall and we do hope you have your calendars marked to attend. Especially you out-of-town alumni, please make plans to join us for the 2 days and share in the fun.

Between the various DOUGS Talks, Art Exhibits, Music offerings, Sports, Clubs and Alumni Displays, we feel you will be pleased you made the time to return to our alma mater to enjoy it all. Do encourage your fellow alumni friends and family and other interested people to join you and the rest of us at these interesting anniversary events.

Check out what is going on with some of our alumni & some current MD students in this Spring '16 edition of our MDAA Newsletter. Do remember too that you can contribute to our Bursary fund for grade 12 students by going on our website: [moundoug alumni.com](http://moundoug alumni.com) to donate. Help make a difference in a promising student's life.

Sincerely,  
Wendy Gedney, President, Mount Doug Alumni Association



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## Principal's Message -



Dear Alumni;

Let me begin by thanking your Mount Doug Alumni Association for their tireless work in supporting a variety of grad reunions over the years as well as the numerous initiatives they are engaged with to support our school and those connected to the Mount Doug community. We look forward to the events currently being planned to celebrate Mount Doug's 85<sup>th</sup> birthday for early November, 2016. It always amazes me as to the number of people I meet who have graduated from our school and are eager to share their fond memories.

This school year we have created a number of new and very exciting opportunities to engage our students. An example of this is the new Aviation and Design program where students have joined us from all over the school district due to their interest in flight and the engineering behind it. In partnership with Viking Air, Victoria Flying Club, Pacific Sky and Camosun College we are able to offer a unique opportunity for students to work with local aviation and design employers as well as achieve transport Canada ground school certification.

Last week Mount Douglas received national media attention for the work done by our staff and students for anti-bullying or pink shirt day. For years a number of our leadership students, in conjunction with the Canadian Red Cross, have been providing anti-bullying workshops to a variety of local middle schools. As a result of this, Travis Price, co-founder of Pink Shirt Day, joined us on February 24<sup>th</sup> to share his message with our student population.

As spring is just around the corner the excitement and energy in our building grows as our grade 12 students participate in a number of events leading to their June convocation ceremony. Please check out the school's website for a variety of upcoming events, including this year's Musical Theatre performance of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*.

Thank-you once again for being part of our community and for supporting our school and students.

Shawn Boulding

Principal, Mount Douglas Secondary School

### SOME CURRENT EVENTS:

#### What's happening at MDSS this Spring!

\* **April 27-30<sup>th</sup>** is MDSS Musical Theatre's *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* at Spectrum Community School Theatre. Tickets via [ticketrocket.co](http://ticketrocket.co) or call 250 590-6291. A must see!

\* **May 26<sup>th</sup>** is the Grad Ceremony for the Class of 2016.

\* **June 6<sup>th</sup>** is the Spring Music Concerts at MDSS - come, support & enjoy!



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## Mount Doug Alumni Association (MDAA) board announcement -

Welcome our new treasurer, **ROD LINDQUIST** ('02) to the board and his new role. We also wish to thank your founding treasurer, **Kelly Orr** ('78) for her hard work and commitment to the group. Kelly is a founding member of the MDAA and was instrumental in officially creating the association as a society back in 2005. She has been a tremendous help to our board and an inspiration to us all! Thank you, Kelly! Also thanks for continuing on our board as our correspondence secretary.

*\*Annual General Meeting for MDAA - all alumni welcome & bring a friend.  
Wed., May 18, 2016 - Mount Doug Secondary School Library at 7 pm.\**

### MD Names in the News:

Did you know? **Kira Forster** ('01) is becoming a world-wide known professional Lucha Libre Wrestler - most famous in Mexico. Wow!

Husband & wife team - **Karl Johanson** ('80) and his wife, **Stephanie (Lightbody) Johnanson** ('79) soon to release a new issue of their award winning science fiction magazine, Neo-opsis. Check out their website: [neo-opsis.ca](http://neo-opsis.ca) .

**Gavin Cobb** ('16) of the wonderful MD Rams will take his talent to SFU next fall, along with teammate **Oliver Mackenzie** ('16) and **Justice Kremler** ('16). Mt Doug has produced 32 players since 2010 who have gone onto College football teams after graduation.

Saanich Field hockey player, **Alexis De Armond** ('16) has been selected to join the Canadian Senior Women's National Team.

Noteworthy - Congratulations to **Dhanisi Modi** ('15) who was the recipient of the Beacon Services Community Services Scholarship. Well done!

Grad ' **Beau Mirchoff** ('06) actor now in Hollywood, appearing in series such as Desperate Housewives, Poker Nights and now landed a role in Awkward.

Pave part of the Lochside Trail? Heather Woods Cormie ('67) & her equestrian friends petition against it to allow riders to continue using the trail.

**Nellie Furtado** ('95) recently sang our National Anthem at the NBA finals in Toronto. **Whoa Nellie!**  
- by JoAnn Clar

### Bursary News:

Congratulations to **Dante Andre-Kahan** ('15) the recipient of our **Len Michaux Bursary Award** in June 2015. Dante plans to attend UVic Music Department in the September 2016 and watch for an update on him in our Fall Newsletter.

### Feature Alum Profile:

"TOYS ARE SERIOUS BUSINESS"

Nostalgia is always a big factor in the toy business. No one knows this better than Victoria's own, **C. B. Woodward**, a Mount Douglas alumnus from 1994! While major toy companies are always wondering what to do, the next big thing is happening at Cherry Bomb Toys, where B (he goes by) has just opened and is operating the National Toy Museum of Canada.



Twenty years ago, B started collecting toys and attending trade shows. With the opening of Cherry Bomb in 2005 this locally based business makes new, vintage, and collectable toys available to local folks. “My wife is my partner and does our books,” says B, who is proud of their sons (5 years and 7 months). B makes a point of doing diverse promotions, from Toy Shows at Pearkes Arena to support for local artists and charities. There's something for everyone in this historical building from 1910. The store now includes B's newly opened National Toy Museum of Canada, which is starting as a small non-profit but has plans to expand.

B advises would-be entrepreneurs today to have short & long term goals, do their research and learn how to adapt to keep going. “Welcome customers and listen to them,” says B. “Take pride in how you look and how you represent yourself and the business.”



B took some business & tourism courses at Mount Doug, but the teacher who made a difference for B was theatre teacher Randy Cloak, who taught him to be flexible and adapt. “His attitude, open but structured, inspired me to look outside the box as well as what’s on your plate,” B remembers. “My goal was to make him laugh or giggle each class because he had such a great laugh.”

With the Mount Doug 85th celebration coming in November, B is looking forward to the gathering. “It will be interesting to see how Mount Doug is preparing students for the future now. I may see some classmates too.”

- by Paula Johanson

*Did you know? Brand new to the Greater Victoria School District, MDSS has secured an [Aviation & Design Course](#) into the school schedule. Did you see the [Principal's Message](#) above for the details?*

### ***Buy your Personal Commemorative Brass Plaques for the MDSS Bleachers -***

How would you like to have your name immortalized, while helping out our future Mount Doug Students at the same time? You can do this by purchasing one of our bleacher plaques for only \$35. Your name is engraved onto a plaque that will then be installed on the bleachers at the school. It shows great support and a great way to link our community to the school. All of the money raised goes to the Mount Doug Alumni Association which goes right back into helping the current students, mainly in the form of student bursaries.



To order, go to our website: [moundoug alumni.com](http://moundoug alumni.com) & click on [Alumni Sales](#).



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### Mount Doug 85<sup>th</sup> Celebration News



In celebration of Mount Doug's 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we are hosting a two day event on November 4 & 5, 2016 to be held at the school.

Over the two days, we will be showcasing some interesting and fun events.

A focal point of our event will be "DOUGS Talks" (Dynamic Opportunity to Unite Grads & Students) modelled on the popular "TED Talks". They are short - about 18 minute talks from Alumni (& perhaps some students & staff) that will be on topics of interest to all. Also you'll see:

**Fine Arts Showcase** – art displays from students present and past ... we hope to bring together some music and dance to add to the assortment of creative arts from Mount Doug past and present.

**Clubs Feature** – display of past and present clubs the Mount Doug students remember or are currently a part of at the school.

**Alumni Mingle** – including a display of photographs, articles, awards, memorabilia ... come walk down nostalgia lane see what or who you remember.

**Sports at MD - Present & Past** - photos, trophies, memorabilia, write ups & more.

#### Volunteers Shout out!

Needed for the 85<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration - if you are interested in being involved, send us a quick email to: [newsletter@mountdoug alumni.com](mailto:newsletter@mountdoug alumni.com) with your contact information.

"Like" our Facebook page at Mount Doug 85th Anniversary.\*

#### MDA BUSINESS LISTINGS:

Did you know we now have a MD Alumni Business directory/listings? It is free to sign up your business on that page. Go to: [businesslist@mountdoug alumni.com](mailto:businesslist@mountdoug alumni.com)



[Gone but not forgotten](#) ... obituaries on our website under [In Memoriam](#) for :



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Lynda Mottershead ('63) passed away April 2015

Gordon Frederick Hall - Teacher/Counsellor ('70-'84) passed away July 2015

Allan Harwood ('47) November 2015

Phyllis (Mercer) Roberts ('36) November 2015

Beth (Derbyshire)Arnold ('78) December 2015

Carol Critchley ('80) March 2016

Elizabeth (Tudor) Stanwood ('78) March 2016

Berni Karcher ('77) March 2016

## REUNIONS this year -

\*MD class of '66 is gathering July 30,2016 - for details, click on: **Reunions** on our website

\*MD class of '81 is getting together June 4, 2016 - again check details on our site.

Let us know if your class is holding a reunion - we can help you!



## Effortless Reminders ....

- If you have any information for our Newsletter or Mount Doug Alumni Committee then remember to drop us a line: [newsletter@mountdougalumnilcom](mailto:newsletter@mountdougalumnilcom)
- Encourage family and friends of Mount Doug past or present to sign up to the Alumni page. It's easy, fun and free, we want to reach as many alumni as possible to receive our newsletter twice a year and keep up to date with school & alumni happenings. See: [mountdoug alumni.com](http://mountdoug alumni.com)
- Any classmates you know that have died, please let us know so their obituary can be entered under their grad year on our MDAA Website - email: [obiteditor@mountdougalmni.com](mailto:obiteditor@mountdougalmni.com)
- Having a reunion of your classmates? Can we help? Find our **Reunions Organizing Guide** on our website - under Reunions - a new addition to the site.

*\* **NOTICE of MEETING** - Our Mount Doug Alumni Association is holding its Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, May 18, 2016. Please join us if you are interested in being involved or simply want to hear what we have done this year and what lies ahead in the year to come. You are welcome to attend and bring an alum friend or family member. At the MDS School in the Library at 7pm. \*  
Hope to see you there! \**

Thank you to our MDAA Spring '16 Newsletter Committee:

Carol Williams ('66) Christine Thate ('77) JoAnn Talbot Clar ('80) Paula Johanson ('78) and Wendy Vantreight Gedney ('67)