

## Mount Doug Alumni Association Newsletter #13 - April 2012

We're all still basking in the success of MD80, our celebration in November 2011 of Mount Doug's 80th anniversary. There were so many wonderful moments during that 10-day extravaganza and a lasting financial legacy has been established, as well.

We hope the newsletter helps keep you in touch with the Mount Doug family, no matter where you live now or how many years ago it has been since you attended school.

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Alumni,

What can I say but "wasn't that a party!" My heartfelt thanks to the MD80 Celebration Committee and dozens of volunteers for all the hours of work to pull off what many said couldn't be done. The events to celebrate Mount Doug's 80 years of history & collective achievements of you, the Alumni, were nothing less than incredible. The opportunity to catch up with those who we shared our fondest memories of Mount Doug was priceless. But most of all, it was fun!

I hope that you were able to share in the excitement and that the reconnections that you made with classmates & teachers will continue until your next reunion or gathering. We will be organizing other events to continue to foster your connection with our school so stay in touch.

The Mount Doug 80th was also a financial success which will allow the Mount Doug Alumni Association (MDAA) to continue to fulfill its mandate. A significant portion of the funds raised will be the seed of an endowment fund for future student support. Some of the money will be used to assist current needs of the school and students.

Please watch for future newsletters for ways to continue your financial support for Mount Doug through the MDAA. Remember that we have full charitable status for tax purposes and your donation can be directed to support your interests whether it's the arts, academics, athletics or capital and equipment.

It is my honour and pleasure to serve as MDAA President and I'd love to hear your comments and suggestions as to what the MDAA can do to serve its members.

There are also lots of opportunities to get involved.  
All the best for 2012,



**LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Dear Alumni;

Allow me to begin by thanking you for your ongoing support of Mount Douglas Secondary School and all our staff and students. Being a first year principal at Mount Doug, I have quickly gained an appreciation for all the school's wonderful attributes and the unique opportunities it affords our students. It is through the tireless dedication, skill and commitment of our teachers, both today and in years past, that Mt. Doug students have continued to carry on a tradition of excellence.

Today, our students continue to excel in all aspects of school life - academics, fine and practical arts, and athletics. Students continue to gain recognition locally, provincially, and sometimes nationally for their achievements in these areas. Several hundreds of thousands of dollars in scholarships are awarded to Mount Doug students every year, and individuals and teams compete and win championships at the island and provincial levels. Multiculturally, student life at our school is quite unique in that there are more than 50 countries represented at our school.

On behalf of all of us at Mount Doug, I would like to thank the MD 80 organizing committee for the fantastic work they did in bringing together 80 years of school history in a ten day celebration. Not only did the school benefit from the fundraising effort but, as importantly, it was great way to bring our community together to celebrate a school that means so much to us all.

I look forward to continuing to work with the Mount Doug Alumni to further develop the relationships between the school of today and all of you who have contributed to such a rich history. Please feel free to drop by any time and visit.

Sincerely,

Shawn Boulding

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**ONE ON ONE....with Elaine Kao, 2006 Mount Doug grad (you'll be amazed at this young woman's energy and accomplishments!)**

Did you grow up in Victoria, Elaine?

I was born in Victoria and have lived here most of my life. My parents are from southern China.

How about your education after Mount Doug; what did you do?

I spent three years at UVic, working on my Bachelor of Fine Arts degree, with a major in Visual Arts. Then, while taking some time off from university, I obtained ARCT Piano Pedagogy certificates (elementary - intermediate levels), as well as a Piano Performance diploma. Last summer, I received a diploma in Technology-Architecture and Building Engineering from BCIT. Now, I'm back at UVic, finishing my BFA.

You've been busy! What other interests do you have?

Drawing, painting, writing, reading, making music (piano/ukulele/singing), learning foreign languages (I want to be fluent in seven)...basically art and music are my huge passions in life!

My artwork features two original characters, Dino and Panda, and I've started a series, Dino & Panda's Architectural Discovery Adventure Expedition Journey. The journey in this book for children starts in China with the Great Wall. I'm also working on an alphabet book as an independent project for one of my classes. I've completed another book, Dino & Panda: A Surreal Love Story and am now looking for a publisher. Dino and Panda are also featured in a frame-by-frame animation project I did for an assignment. I hope to learn more about animation in the future.

I have many more ideas revolving around Dino and Panda; the fan base is growing on Facebook with over 5000 now! Here's a link: <http://www.facebook.com/Dino.Panda.Inc>

I also like to do landscapes and Asian-inspired paintings, as well as make architectural models.

Most students have to help finance their education these days. Do you work while going to school?

I'm currently looking frantically for full or a part-time job...as an architectural technologist or something creative/art related. I teach ukulele as an alumni of the Island Ukuleles group and am looking for piano students, too. I'm also taking a course that will prepare me to work with international students or teach abroad.

Are you involved with any volunteer organizations or other groups?

Here's a list of them:

- Creative Peace Mural Society: an international art project that brings communities together to

- create beautiful textile murals. There will be a celebration during the London 2012 games showcasing the murals completed thus far. <http://www.creativepeacemurals.org/index.html>
- Island Ukuleles: Started in the group in Gr.6 and graduated with the completion of high school. Then I became an assistant teacher to the Little Ukers program. After coming home from 2 years in Burnaby, I became one of the teachers of the B-Group (gr.3-7) as well as the Little Ukers (kindergarten-gr.3). <http://www.islandukulele.org/>
  - Art Gallery of Greater Victoria volunteer: Paint-In event (planning on applying as an artist this year)
  - The Lodge at Broadmead: volunteer with the Creative Arts program
  - Swan Lake Nature Sanctuary: volunteer with the arts & crafts programs and events
  - Saanich Parks & Recreation: volunteer with various arts related events including Moon Festival 2011 (was Luminara), and Carnival of the Arts.
  - Craigdarroch Castle: volunteer docent
  - UVic Conversation Partner program and UVic ESL classroom assistant
  - Vocal Expressions Choir
  - exhibiting youth artist in Limelight Art Experience held in March 2012. Also, I was one of the seven youth artists chosen for the first year of the Youth Group of Seven art exhibit organized by the Community Arts Council of Greater Victoria.

Elaine, thank you for taking the time from your VERY busy schedule to talk to me. Good luck with your job search and future plans.

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## REUNIONS

### Class of 1982 - 30th Reunion

"Here's to Mt. Doug, we're true blue, we're the Class of Gold, who the ....." I forget the next line!!! Can you believe it - we were in high school 30 years ago. Back then, what did you think you would be doing in 2012? If you are like most of us, the past three decades are a bit of a blur, but part of those memories are the great folks you met, and the friendships you made back in High School. So why don't you join us and spend a night reminiscing about those glory days!!

The "Class of Gold" is meeting up at Felicita's Pub at UVIC on Saturday, July 28th - 7:00 PM to 1:00 AM, with some relaxed social time until 10, then we will rock the house with Joe and the boy's for the rest of the night. The cost of the evening is \$25, with a portion going to the Mt. Doug Alumni Association, and the remainder covering the cost of the venue and appies. You are on your own for drinks!! All 1982 grads are welcome, as well as spouses, significant others - whoever you want to bring along!! The room holds 330 people, which sounds like a lot, but remember we did have 600 graduates that year - so don't be disappointed, and get your tickets early. Ticket are available now through July 14th on the Mt. Doug Alumni website. If any tickets are left unsold by the 14th, they can be bought at the door on the 28th. Hope to see you there!!

Contact Les Bryan for more info: [les@edgarandminer.ca](mailto:les@edgarandminer.ca)

### Class of 1962 - 50th Reunion

Date: September 7th & 8th? Marriott Hotel, Inner Harbour? Friday.

Friday, Sept 7: Meet & Greet 7:30pm - 10:30pm?

Saturday, Sept 8: Reception, Dinner etc. 5:30pm - 1:00 am?

Email: Sharon Hope? or Mary Knudson

### Nifty Fifties Luncheon - For those who attended Mount Doug in the 40s and 50s

Date: Always the third Saturday in September.

Location: TBA (check [www.mountdougalumni.com](http://www.mountdougalumni.com) 'Upcoming Events' for details).

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### **Alumni to Alumni Benefit Program**

To add value to your MD Alumni membership, we are now offering MD Alumni owned businesses the opportunity to list their services on the Mount Doug Alumni website. The 'deal' or benefit can be directly to Alumni Members or to the Mount Doug Alumni Association, or both.

For an 'Alumni to Alumni deal' the annual listing fee is \$39.99 (120.00 value). For an Alumni to Alumni deal where the benefit is a donation to the MDAA is triggered the same fee is applied but is waived if the benefit/donation to the MDAA is for \$350.00 or more. Applicable tax receipts will be generated for the net donation amount.

Participants in the Alumni to Alumni Benefits Program will get their name, logo, a brief description of the services offered and an explanation of their particular offer posted on the Mount Doug Alumni Association website.

To qualify for this opportunity you need to be a member of the Mount Doug Alumni Association and offer a discount, benefit or savings of some form to individual MD Alumni members or offer a donation to the MD Alumni Association or both.

If you are interested in this please go to the [mountdougalumni.com](http://mountdougalumni.com) website and fill out the form. Please take the time to read the fine print.

Thanks for your support

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### **Archive Wishlist**

One of the other tasks the Alumni has taken on is the assembly of materials to create an historical archive. Eventually these materials will be stored in a protected location at the school.

Our archivists have a wishlist, if you can help them out with any of this please send an email to [archives@mountdougalumni.com](mailto:archives@mountdougalumni.com)

1957 Annual

Anything prior to 1951

Anything after 1970

Annuals 1951 to 1966 that can be unbound for scanning. They will be very carefully rebound after.