



**AGM on May 13th 7 pm MDSS library.
Do come & join us! Bring a friend. See you there!**

Welcome Mount Doug Alumni Association members to our latest newsletter for you. Happy Spring! We have a great deal to share as it has been some time since our last communication with you. Do enjoy our offerings!

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President's Report -

Hello Mount Doug alumni. It is with great pleasure we have a Spring newsletter for you to enjoy. Please let me introduce you to our MDAA board for this year. We have some new and some returning directors. Our 2014-2015 board members are:

David Foster '67 - honorary president

Wendy Gedney '67 - president

Kirsten Mawle '78 - vice president

Kevin Sing '77 - past president

Kelly Orr '78 - secretary/treasurer

Pat Young '47 - recording secretary

Shawn Boulding - principal/liaison

Les Bryan '83 - director

JoAnn Clar '80 - director

Bill Conconi '71-'01 - director

Dustin Marnell '98 - director

Ross Morgan '68 - director

Kevin Sing '77 - director

Vanessa Wheeler '06 - director

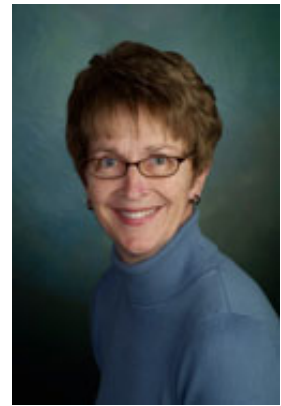
Carol Williams '66 - director

This is an enthusiastic board with great ideas and a real commitment to having a successful year. We have 3 active committees: Communications, Social/Events/Membership and Archives. We look forward to hearing from you and hope you find this newsletter of interest. Do tell us (see our brief survey at the end) if there are other items you'd like to see here as well as have on our website at www.mountdoug alumni.com

Enjoy!

Sincerely,

Wendy Gedney



Principal's Report -

Dear Alumni;



Allow me to begin by thanking you for your ongoing support of Mount Douglas Secondary School and all our staff! and students. Your executive, board and committee members are to be commended for all their efforts; whether organizing the school archives, helping facilitate school reunions, planning fundraising events or just simply supporting a variety of school activities by being a supportive audience, it is wonderful to see so many of you engaged in Mount Douglas.

With the onset of spring there is a new but familiar energy around the school. This year's graduating students become increasingly engaged in a variety of grad events culminating in their graduation ceremony and banquet this upcoming May. These celebrations are balanced with academic commitments that will see our students reach their dreams and goals beyond the walls of Mount Doug. Academically, our students continue to flourish; they are great examples of the pride and tradition that Mount Douglas has become nationally known for.

This spring we have a variety of events we encourage you to come and see. Whether it is to see our sport's teams in action, performances by the band or the musical, "The Music Man", being held April 16-18 & 23-25, it is always wonderful to see your familiar faces. Please check out the school's website to see our very busy calendar.

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

Shawn Boulding,

Principal, Mount Douglas Secondary School

Names in the News ...

Linda Johnstone, '67 class, organizing the Terry Fox Great Canadian Hair Do event again along with the annual Terry Fox Run September each year at Mile 0...

Dean Norris-Jones, MD staff '83-'88, now VP Reynolds, rode down island in the

Tour de Rock for cancer 2014 ride... **Moss Bruton Joe & Ryley Woodland**, '14

class made the finals in the Stuck at Prom Scholarship contest with their amazing all Duct tape grad outfits June 2014... **David Smith**, '49 class, attending painting and

French classes at Goward House... **Peter Ciceri**, '73 class, CEO of Oak Bay Marine Group for a term... **Terrell**, '12 & **Marcus Davis**, '14 class, playing for UBC Thunderbirds football teams... **Brent Hodge**, '03 class, filmmaker, Canadian Screen Award winning director, Tribeca Film Festival selected his film A Brony Tale picked up by **Morgan Spurlock**, directing the Spike/HBO **Chris Farley** documentary... **Wayne**, '66 & **Jacqui Coulson**, '67 grads for participating in their 35th Transcendence Triathlon at Elk Lake last summer... **Matt Conrad**, '95, winning hairstylist, photographer & barber & No. 1 coolest barber on Instagram... **David Foster**, '67, awarded Distinguished Entrepreneur of Year by UVic... music & a businessman!

Reunions - Summaries...

1984 class 30th this past summer was a big success, as was the 1964 class 50th. Thanks to the organizing committees! See photos on our website www.mountdoug alumni.com - under Reunions Past.



Reunions - Upcoming...

* This Year: - 1965, 1975 & 1985. See details on the website.

* Next Year: so far - 1966.

* Know of any more? If so, let us know. And do you want to get involved?

Feature Profile -



Spotlight on **Simon Farintosh** - MD class of 2014

Simon is our 2014 winner of our Len Michaux Bursary Award. We caught up with him at UVic where he is studying classical guitar in the Faculty of Music.

How are you liking music at UVic? I'm enjoying the opportunity to learn the foundations of theory and history of music. Theory is my favourite course.

Where do you hope to go with your music education?

I hope to earn a higher level degree while having performance experience. This year I will enter competitions like the local music festival and the NW Guitar Festival in Seattle. I'm working on an arrangement of Bach's 5th Cello Suite which I will be performing throughout the year.

What was a highlight at Mount Doug with your music training there? Being in all of Doug Awai's classes - a great teacher - and playing many different instruments. I learned some great jazz skills (eg chord charts) from being in Jazz band. The \$500 Len Michaux Bursary contributed to purchasing music books and I'm very grateful for receiving it.

Thank you, Mount Doug Alumni.

- interviewed at UVic by MDAA directors Carol Williams & Wendy Gedney

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Did you know? - Mount Doug Secondary School Facts:

* MDHS when it opened in September 1931 had 66 students enrolled grades 9-12 and 18 graduates in the first class of June 1932.

* MDHS was almost 40 years on the original campus on Cedar Hill Road opening (now Cedar Hill Middle School)

* it moved its current campus to what was Gordon Head Junior High on Gordon Head Road in 1970

* MDSS had 276 students grad in the 2014 grad class & a total school population of 1073 - including 115 international students.

* This year MDSS has 1,082 students grades 9-12 of which there are approximately 50 different countries represented.

HOW MANY GENERATIONS IN YOUR FAMILY ATTENDED MOUNT DOUG? LET US KNOW AT: newsletter@mountdoug alumni.com

Mount Doug Commemorative Book & History

Be part of this adventure! Are you good at research? interviewing people? photography? Why not help out. This book is a fun project designed to be sold to raise funds for our alumni association. Let's give back to the school that brought us to where we are today! Alumni funds go toward bursaries for future alumni. You never know who you'll meet on our committees? Reconnect with an old school mate, catch up with a previous teacher. It's always fun and rewarding! Send us a message to get involved at: newsletter@mountdoug alumni.com

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Check this out!

Look at our MDAA website at: www.mountdoug alumni.com - do you see some missing alumni in your class? Do let them know to join up online ... it is FREE! Do you know a classmate who has achieved greatness? Tell us about him or her and how to reach them for a possible interview. Send to:

newsletter@mountdoug alumni.com

Changed email addresses?

You can change your email address by clicking on the link in the Welcome to the Mount Doug Alumni message you received when you originally joined or you can use the 'To update your preferences link' at the bottom of each newsletter you have received. Enter in the new email address you want to use on the update page and submit the changes. Your membership will revert to the unconfirmed status and a confirmation email will be resent to the new email address. You can then click on the confirm link and the change of address will be complete.

If you no longer have access to the email you originally joined with let us know to update our info so you receive our semi- annual newsletters with ease & any news bulletins. Email: newsletter@mountdoug alumni.com

* **OBITUARIES** - If you know of a classmate who has died, please send us the name, class & obituary notice if possible and we will post on your year on the website. This is helpful information for reunion planning too. Email: obiteditor@mountdoug alumni.com

MD Wear & Special items for sale

Have you seen our bargain prices on the 2 types and 4 colours of t-shirts on our website? Only \$10 each. Get them while still in stock.

Also have you bought your plaque for the bleachers? Only \$35. Order online on our website.

COMING SOON on our website - a Business/Company Directory of & for any MD alumni.... FREE! We will let you know when it is finalized.

We would appreciate a few moments of your time to complete a quick Survey.
Please click on:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CCHGSTH>

Thank you for your feedback.