



MDAA Spring Newsletter 2019

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President's Message -



Oh, the colours in Victoria now! Spring has definitely arrived! For those alumni not living here, you will remember how our fair city comes to life with the blossoms and renewal is in the air at this time of year.

Speaking of renewal, here is a chance for you who wish to participate in establishing the future directions of our board and beyond, and also to ensure the sustainability of our organization. We are looking for volunteers to join our board who also have some communications and marketing abilities.

Interested alumni, contact me: wgedney@telus.net .

Our active Archives Committee is pleased to soon be increasing its storage and working with a new indexing system. So we will be able to reach out for more school photos, records, and memorabilia. We are growing in our ability to preserve the history of our alma mater. Exciting times!

Also exciting is our book on the history of our school being written. Check out the glimpse of a part of it in our newsletter below from one of our co-authors. It will be ready for our MD 90th in November 2021. Stay tuned for details.

Thank you for your interest and support of our/your alumni association! Keep in touch.

Wendy Gedney
MDAA President

Principal's Message -

Dear Mount Doug Secondary Alumni;

It is with sincere thanks I acknowledge and recognize the continued support we receive



from our current Alumni Executive and from all Mount Douglas Alumni. It truly is a selfless way to give back and to make a positive difference to our school. Mount Doug will always be your alma mater, your school, and your home.

Along with Springtime comes the planning for next year; we are presently getting our staffing in place and working on student timetables for September. I know this seems early, but the process requires many steps to ensure our students have the best experiences. This is also a good time to reflect on and acknowledge some of the amazing accomplishments of our students. Mount Doug continues to excel in Athletics, Academics, Fine Arts and Leadership. Not only are they busy with their school responsibilities, but they are also involved in community endeavours. Please check out our website for the most current celebrations, activities and project in which are students continued to be involved: mountdoug.sd61.bc.ca

For the next few months, the excitement and energy in our building grows as our grade 12 students participate in a number of events leading to their June Graduation Recognition Ceremony. A few weeks ago, each of our graduates presented and/or displayed their Transition Plans at our Annual Grad Gallery. They also voted for their Valedictorian Representatives last week and are now in the process of submitting a few words they would like said about themselves at the June Ceremony. They are also looking forward to their Dinner Dance, again to be held at the Laurel Inn. I hope the thought of graduation brings back fond memories for you as you reflect on your own time here at Mount Doug.

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

T. Sherstobitoff
Principal

SPOTLIGHT on Baxter Bayer -

After graduating from Mount Douglas in '98 Baxter became involved in event management. His journey officially began in 2000 when he organized the first Harbour City 3 on 3 basketball tournament at Campus View Elementary. Over the course of 20 years, the Harbour City 3 on 3 tournament transformed into an annual 3-day outdoor multi sports and entertainment festival in Victoria, BC, the Island Summer Games. Now in its 20th year of serving the community, "ISG", scheduled for June 21st to 23rd, has become a Vancouver Island tradition and has grown to be the largest multi-sports and social event on the Island. This homegrown tournament takes pride in promoting amateur sport, music and the arts while giving back to the community.



After graduating from the University of Ottawa in 2012, Baxter moved to Vancouver where he successfully planned, managed and executed regional and international events. Baxter's portfolio includes everything from small-scale community-level events to high-profile and complex multi-million-dollar fundraising events. In 2013, Baxter founded Tickets, Tours & Events, a company that consults on all aspects of quality event planning.

Recently, Baxter relocated to Comox Valley where he's teaching Events and Tourism at the collegiate level and continues to pursue new achievements in the events industry.

When not planning events, Baxter is engaged in the music industry as the percussionist known as "Bongofide." Over the years, Bongofide has played in local music festivals and has toured internationally, performing in a wide range of venues. A dream came true in 2015 when he played on IbizaSonica.com, a radio station in Ibiza, Spain.

When asked about memorable Mount Doug moments, Baxter highlighted both Mr. Powell, his mechanics teacher, who labelled his car the "BaxMobile", and his time playing on the inaugural Mt. Doug Football team under coach Roy Vollinger. Baxter takes great pride in being an MD Alumni and speaks of the many great friendships from Mount Doug that he still has today.

by Dustin Marnell

NEWS FLASH - Simon Keith, MD '83, is successfully recovering from his second heart transplant and a kidney transplant as well. This proud MD alum received his first heart transplant at age 21 when soaring in his soccer career and went on to be the 1st soccer player to play pro soccer after a heart transplant. In 2011, he founded and is CEO of his Simon Keith Foundation for transplant awareness. Simon travels to speak on promoting this important issue. Our thoughts are with you for a full and speedy recovery, Simon!



ANNOUNCING - Scott Green, MD '82, who in August this year moved from Deputy Chief to become our next Saanich Police Chief. Congratulations to you, Scott! It wasn't too long ago that his fellow MD classmate, Del Manek, became Chief of Police in Victoria! Saanich and Victoria are in good hands! Well done, MD alumni!

by Wendy Gedney



Gone But Not Forgotten - 🌸

Since our Fall '18 Newsletter, these are the known MD Alumni that have died and are now on our website under their class year. Most have obituaries - while on the website click on their names to view:

Bill Oscienny - teacher '76 - '77 - d. Sept. '18
Bob Cameron - teacher '75 - '85 - d. Oct. '18
David Watson '64 - d. Oct. '18
Peter Atkin '49 - d. Oct. '18
May Brown Panter '47 - d. Nov. '18
Doreen Rouse Chapman '47 - d. Nov. '18
David Levis '48 - d. Dec. '18
Margaret Best Conley '40 - d. Dec.'18 2019
Patricia Ross Orr '57 - d. Jan. '19
Bernice Levis McAllister '45 - d. Jan. '19
Claire Gilbert '93 - d. Jan. '19
George Fuller '64 - d. Feb. '19
Gerry Walker '64 - d. Feb. '19
Corinne Deshaw '80 - d. Feb. '19
Greg Chamberlain '77 - d. Feb. '19
Don Glass '54 - d. Mar. '19

- submitted by Carol Williams '66 & Wendy Gedney '67

Here are more alumni that died several years ago, whom our MD History Book team have heavily researched and found. You can see these and other additions on our website: mountdougalumni.com under their grad year.

Elaine Moore Ward '50 - d. '02
Marjorie Kay Earle Gallop White '49 - d. '04
M. Joan Bacon '50 - d. '11
Chere Malcolm '49 - d. '12
Arthur Best '33 - d. '13
Dorothy Day Warfield '40 - d. '14

We are still tracing these MD alumni. Can you help us find them or an obituary for them or a relative of theirs?

1932 class: Alice Wilkinson Partington, Tom Wilson

1933: Helen Janet Frame

1937: Alice Agnes Gray Millington, George J. McKenzie

1940: Barbara Sumner Wilson

1941 Malcolm Winship

1942 William George Cox, Bessie Matthews

1943 Maurice Atkins, Bill D. Jasper (may be living), Arnold L. John, Ronald Mitchell, Ken Porter

1944 Audrey Branner, Shirley Fitzpatrick, Jane Donaldson McCurdy, Allan Ian Smith

1945 Earl Jean Brassard, Mary Grace Francis

1946 Stanley Russell Boulter, Dennis Ross Fawcett, Deana Marie Gilbert, ROby Charlotte Mae Parham, Inez Jean Staples Welch

1947 Neil Dennison Baker, Beverly Lucile Brown Lake, Ruth Jeanette Patterson, Mary Louise Scott, George Henry Wilson

1948 Donald Grant Irvine, Marilyn Elaine Morris, Vivian Alicia Notely, Andree H L Petitjean

1949 Muriel Ellis, William Albert Williams

- submitted by Sharon Hope '62 & Sharon Bennett '62

If you have the name of a deceased alum we have yet to add to our website, please send to obiteditor@mounddougalumni.com . Obituary notices as well are welcome.

Reunions that we are aware are happening this year -

Please check our MDAA website under Reunions for details and contact information about these gatherings this year.

MD '64 Class will gather for their 55 Year Reunion
October 4 - 6, 2019 - various venues & times.

MD '68 Class will come together for their 51 Year Reunion on July 13, 2019 at Royal Colwood Golf Club.

MD '69 Class will reunite for their 50 Year Reunion on October 12, 2019 at Royal Colwood Golf Club.

If your class is having a reunion, send the info to our webmaster, to post on our website under Reunions. webmaster@mounddougalumni.com

Also check out our [Reunion Organizing Guide](#)

More about our MD HISTORY BOOK -

The Mount Douglas Alumni Association has put our heads together to gather many stories for our History Book. Have you been telling tales out of school about your time as a Mount Doug student? Now is the time to pull out a few of those stories, whether

short or long, good times or challenges, simple or special. We need them for our History book. This book of memories is due to be released during our school's 90th anniversary in November 2021, and it will have details from all the years that there has been at Mount Douglas Secondary School.

Now, most of the first decades have been covered, thanks to some intrepid interviewers and archive research. But we're still gathering stories from the 1970s till the present day. This is the opportunity to make a note of the memories that have mattered to you. Maybe there was a Math class that finally made algebra work in your brain... Maybe you have never forgotten the sandwiches with homemade bread that a friend shared at lunch. Are you going to see an old friend and remind them of something that happened back in the day? Write a note about it, and share it with us by e-mail or post. We'll even make your contribution anonymous if that's what it takes to get you telling your memory.

Here's a sample to whet your interest – a brief excerpt from one person's memories:

"I took part in several Outdoor Club Nitinat Triangle trips," remembers former teacher Hans Klein. "These were several day camping trips complete with canoes and camping gear. We would drive to a boat launch site on Nitinat Lake and canoe to Hitchey Creek." He admits he was a little disturbed when one of the Outdoor Club students asked "Which end of the paddle do I hold?" Our Mr Klein was one of three Mount Doug teachers who were lucky enough to take an early retirement buy-out offer in 1999 – he was only fifty-five. As it turns out, early retirement buy-outs were never offered again to teachers.

Were you the student who didn't know which end of a canoe paddle to hold? Maybe you had an adventure you still tell at dinner parties. Or maybe you were someone who found a book or a sport that made you feel like you belonged, in your own space. Let's get that memory into our History Book, so it's not just someone else's stories, but your own too. And remember to order your copy of the History Book before it's released as a print book and an e-book! Stay tuned!

by Paula Johanson '78 class, co-author

Donate to the Mount Doug Alumni Association

Please consider making a donation to the Mount Doug Alumni Association. The simplest way is to go to the website and click on the donation button. You can make your donation securely online via the Canada Helps website. You can also click on the Donate Now image right here. Thank you!



Mount Doug Alumni, you are invited to our ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Wednesday, May 15th, 2019 at 7 pm in the MD Secondary School library, 3970 Gordon Head Road.

Please join us - come see the happenings in your alumni association and our upcoming events.

Business Listings/Directory - add your business here for a free listing for fellow alumni to utilize your services. Email: businesslist@mountdougalumni.com

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*If you have any information or ideas for our Newsletter, drop our committee a line at: newsletter@mountdougalumni.com



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