



# Your MDAA Spring/Summer 2022 NEWSLETTER

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## President's Message

Welcome Alumni to our first newsletter on our brand new and updated website which uses WordPress. And Sender.net allows us to create and send our newsletter ourselves now!

How do you like the look of our new site? Please let us know your thoughts about our newsletter and our website. We always appreciate your feedback and contributions. We are continuing to tweak and refine the website for your and our best use.

For those many MD alumni who recall Bill Conconi, do see the remembering piece on the passing of the valued teacher and dedicated board member that he was. Bill was a founding director of our MDAA from 2006 and now the longest serving board member to date. We will miss him a great deal and his insightfulness, camaraderie and contributions to our group. A special and caring man, as many of you staff & student alumni who knew him would agree.

Enjoy your read through this edition... and thank you for keeping in touch with us. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Sincerely,  
Wendy Gedney  
MDAA President

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## **REUNIONS**      ~ Welcome Back MD Alumni! ~

As seen on our home page, the reunions that took place in June were:

- \* MD '70's class 50th++ reunion June 25th at the Colwood Golf Club and
  - \* MD '82's class 40th reunion June 25th at UVic's Felicita's Pub. Both great successes!
- Thanks to the organizers for their work and alumni for attending to enjoy the event and help make it a fun evening.

Coming up will be:

- \* MD '72 class 50th Reunion August 13th at Windsor Park Pavillon
- \* MD '62 class 60th Reunion September 14 & 15th - Boondocks. Sidney
- \* MD '80 class 40th + Reunion September 30th at the Royal Victoria Yacht Club.

See our website for details for these 3 upcoming Reunions.



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## **Gone But Not Forgotten** - (since our last newsletter of Jan. '22)

Middleton Lambert - tchr '62-'68 - d. March '07 \*\*  
Meva Sundher - principal - '98-'04 - d. March '13 \*\*  
Lisa Boudreau '80 - d. November '97 \*\*  
Peggy Mulligan Ralph '68 - d. February '83 \*\*  
Fred Wick '71 - d. '97 \*\*  
Laurie Wick '70 - d. '18 \*\*  
Dawn Wick Johansson '76 - d. Sept '06 \*\*

Dawn Wick Edlundson '76 - d. Sept. '22  
Doug Kralt - '90 - d. April '16 \*\*  
Nicki Winter '75 - d. April '20  
David Winter '73 - d. December '21  
Caroline Vining '77 - d. February '22  
Marcella Ozerkovich Sarkissian-tchr '72-'99 - d. Mar '22  
Vera Palmer Beischer '43 - d. March '22  
Heather Darlene Carle ' ? - d. March '22  
Cora Halton Browne Shaw '44 - d. April '22  
Valerie Gould Gervais - '55 - d. May '22  
Bill Conconi - tchr '71-'02 - d. May '22  
Matthew Howe - tchr '88 -'89 - d. June '22  
Coleen Griffin Isbister '72 - d. June '22  
Lindsay Hodge Lawson '64 - d. June '22  
Kathy Bakony - '78 - d. June '22  
Diane Croft Kennedy '62 - d. July '22  
Judy Long Luxton '66 - d. July '22  
Neil Gregory - '92 - d. July '22

\*\* denotes alumni who we were just informed about their deaths even though they died several years ago. They will still be posted on our website.



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### **BILL CONCONI - Remembered**

It is with great sadness that we recognize the passing of our friend, fellow alumni, and long-time board member, Frederick William "Bill" Conconi on May 21, 2022. Bill spent his entire teaching career at Mount Douglas Secondary School (1971-2002) teaching industrial arts, social studies, history, outdoor education and leadership throughout his years there.

He was one of the founders of our MDAA and on our first board of directors in 2006 and was instrumental in shaping the Mount Doug Alumni Association as it stands today. He will truly be missed and we pledge to continue on his legacy via ongoing projects that he initiated during his time with our MDAA.

One of Bill's many students shared a personal touching memory about Bill...

**Student Memory**



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### **MDSS Request -**

*The Athletics Dept at MDSS needs your help. This is a great opportunity thato give back to your alma mater for a limited time with.*

Athletics is in need of a cross country coach in the Fall. The commitment would be to be with the team at their 5 weeks of meets as well as at the city and Island championships in November. Also an option for a weekly practice after school but only if their schedule allows. We have lots of support for anyone who may be interested and I would handle all the organization so it would just be showing up at the meets. Our former coach, Bernie Kidd would go to the first meet with the new coach to show him/her the ropes.

Interested alumni, or any questions about this coaching, please email me, Chris Ball, MDSS Teacher & Athletics Director at [cball@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:cball@sd61.bc.ca)



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**ATTENTION** again, **all Mount Doug AUTHORS** - Thanks to those who sent in their information which we will sent out to alumni. Here is a second chance for those authors who weren't sure whether to submit or not or just forgot about this opportunity to share/advertise (at no cost) about your book(s) you have written in an **MD AUTHORS' CORNER** that we will create.

Send us this information:

**Your Name... Grad Year... Book titles...** a brief summary of the latest one, just titles if more than one... **Where to purchase your book(s)** eg. add your website &/or your email address or phone. Email your above info to: [newsletter@mountdoug alumni.com](mailto:newsletter@mountdoug alumni.com)



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Please support your MDAA and MDSS students by **DONATING** via our website toward our 2 annual bursaries we give to 2 deserving grade 12 students - 1 in the Fine Arts and 1 for Academics...so far.

There are other projects that also need your support, like our new website for you all, that was costly but needed to be done. We will also be recording our archival collection digitally as a next project which involves experts to assist in starting us with this process.

Simply go to our **Donate Now** button on our home page on the top line. A tax receipt will be issued to you immediately by email. Thank you for supporting your MD alumni and MD students.



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*From your newsletter committee -  
Wendy Gedney'67, Rod Lindquist '02 &  
Colin Quail MDSS staff '72 - 04*



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