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Our new web site should now be active at www.dmcialumni.org
Email to the association can be sent to info@dmcialumni.org

Alumni Reach \$200,000 Mark

Since the official beginning of the Alumni Association in 1988 up to the present time, the alumni association has supported the school and its programs with contributions equaling \$200,000. The donations from the first few years were directed, primarily, toward scholarships and the underground track. The emphasis on scholarships has remained a priority. However, donations were directed toward other areas as goals were met and other needs arose.

In the mid nineties the focus turned from the underground track to the updating of technology. Getting computers into the school became an aim. The alumni also purchased the outdoor sign. In the late nineties, while still keeping scholarships as a priority, the focus on technology continued with the purchase of computers as well as a sound system for the music department. Other student activities such as travel received some funding. The Alumni Archival Committee also benefited, as they were able to add the display cases to the main hall that were such a hit during the 1998 reunion. The football alumni raised money for a tribute that would recognize the contributions of coaches Andy Currie and John Potter.

Since the beginning of the millennium approximately \$28,000 has been spent on scholarships. Still, various departments, such as the performing arts and the industrial arts, were able to receive much needed equipment. The Archival Committee also received a boost, as they were able to purchase a cart to haul the big historical/pictorial display panels from storage to the gym when the occasion, such as performances and events, arises.

A big thank you goes out to the alumni. None of these things would have been possible without **YOU**.

Spring Newsletter Goes Electronic



We, the Board, also want to thank you for your help with the financial crunch of the newsletter. We appreciate that some of you have agreed to receive the newsletter electronically and understand that some of you are unable to do so. We are, therefore, grateful for the donations you have sent toward the cost of postage, particularly since no charitable receipt can be issued for this type of contribution. Unfortunately, we are still low on funds so the decision has been made that the spring newsletter will only be available through electronic means – the web page – and, possibly, picking up a hard copy at the school. We are aware that this course of action may seem unfair to some of you who have sent in money because you cannot access the web site but there does not seem to be an alternative at this point. The notice will go out using the email addresses that we do have announcing that the newsletter has been placed on the web – <http://www.dmcialumni.org> Hopefully, those alumni who have access will share with those who don't. The association's email address is info@dmcialumni.org

President's Message

Hello everyone!

The Annual General Meeting of the DMCI Alumni Association was held on April 27, 2004. A major item on the agenda was the election of Board members.

Welcomed back to serve another two year term were members-at-large, *Ted Letkemann, Doug Sargent and Grant Simms*. We were very pleased to bring on board, *Heather Johnson*.

Returning members are:

Past President, *Mary Kelekis*; President *Joyce Wawrykow*; Vice President, *Gilles Beumont* (Principal of DMCI) Recording Secretary, *Elphie Curtis*; Treasurer, *Ione McMahon*; *Bev Sorensen* and *John Lawler*, Staff Representatives; *Bill Kilfoyle*, Member-at-Large

Heartfelt thanks go to *Assunta Redina* who has stepped down from the Board. She did a wonderful job spearheading the fundraising events during the last two years. We do hope that her 'break' is a hiatus rather than a retirement.

As many of you know, we have begun plans for the 85th Anniversary & Reunion on

April 3, 4, 5, 2008. As you can appreciate, the 12 member Alumni Board would be unable to plan and execute plans for such a large event on its own. We most certainly need your help. Though we have not struck any committees yet, we would require assistance in major areas such as registration, dinner(s), open house, publicity and entertainment.

Please let us know if you're interested in becoming involved by filling out and mailing in the form on page 8 or visit us on-line at www.dmcialumni.org Email to the association can be sent to info@dmcialumni.org

Joyce Wawrykow

Alumni Contribute To The School

The following people have made donations to the school in 2004. Some contributions were made "in memory" of someone so the donor was not necessarily an alumnus. If you make a donation in memory of someone, would you, please, make certain to include the name and address of the family you would like to be notified concerning your donation.

G. Glen Adams

James Barrie
Minh Tuan Bui
Norma Busby
James Duff
Robert Colpitts
Marjory Edwards
Magnus Eliason
Peter Erlendson
John & Bev Hatcher
Vailla Hoggan
Elaine McDonald
Robert Jones
Shirley Jones
Donald Kerr
Maeva Lowen
Jean Maeda
Art Marche
Don & Susan McLaren
Ione McMahan
Alan Miller
Gladys Oelkers
Eleanor Ormiston
Ross Phillips
Agnes Simard
Christine Sexton
Robert Shinnie
Beverly Sorensen
Jane Stewart
Doris & Jack Swanton
Jill Tardiff
Barbara Thomasson
Susan Thompson
Bertha Trow
George Waters
Anna Watts
Frederick Wingate
Ray Unger
Brian Yamashita
Caroline Yamashita
Emily Yamashita
Garry Yamashita
K. Lucy Yamashita
Wayne Yamashita

Any changes to be made in the Donor Wall categories

will be made in the spring. Strips with the names to be added to the wall will be engraved at that time and placed on the wall.

Alumni Scholarship Winners

The *Alumni Merit Award Scholarship* winners were

Art

Jamuel Tonog

Business Education & Technology

William Legaspi

Computer Science

Rui Santos

English

Madelaine Calanza

Home Economics

Ashley Lunney

Industrial Arts

Dale Randolph

Languages

Stephen Toth

Mathematics

Shelley Micholson

Music

Rhodalyne Catipon

Physical Education

Matthew McLaren

Science

Jessica Reeve

Social Studies

Adrian Salonga

Alumni 75th Scholarship

Randy Medeiros

DMCI Alumni Scholarship

Alex Barker

In addition to benefiting from the scholarships and awards that the Alumni Association provides, students also receive aid from the scholarships that have been established by families and friends in memory of former staff and students.

One scholarship has been set up by a former staff member to address specific student needs. The Alumnae Choir established and monitors its own scholarship.

Sherman Himelblau Memorial Award

Thomas Pascal

William J. S. Brown Scholarship

Duop Kandong

E. M. Arnott Scholarship

Julie Sundara

Ella Rae Halsall Memorial Scholarship

Anna Le

Beverley Wong Memorial Scholarship

Nicole Santos

Takejiro Yamashita Memorial Scholarship

Teresa Ferreira

Barbara Thomasson Award

Sarah Hamid

Vinoja Balasubramanian

Alumnae Choir

Jessica Reeve

Winners Whereabouts

Our many DMCI scholarship and award winners are hard at work at their chosen schools. Most are attending either the University of Manitoba or the University of Winnipeg. Brandon University and Red River College are two other institutions students are attending.

Most of our award winners are planning to enter the Science, Engineering and Commerce Faculties after completing their University One programs. Like all loyal Danielites they have kept in touch with their teachers, recounting their first two months at university in great detail. Though they are all clearly enjoying the freedom and challenge of university, it is also clear that they miss attending DMCI.

The winner of the Ella Rae Halsall Scholarship, **Anna Le**, is planning on entering the Faculty of Pharmacy next year. This year's winner of the Governor General's Medal, **Jessica Reeve**, also the recipient of the Alumnae Choir award, is enrolled in

Music at the Canadian Mennonite University.

Duop Kandong, winner of the William J.S. Brown Scholarship, is studying Music at Brandon University. Duop was the subject of two CBC national shorts which documented his journey from his African homeland to DMCI and onward to Brandon University. **Alex Barker**, an accomplished artist, and an excellent science student and the winner of the DMCI Alumni Scholarship, is currently attending the University of Manitoba, studying Graphics and Fine Arts.

Students who received scholarships and awards are grateful for the financial boost they have received. For many of them it meant the difference between going to university or having to join the workforce.

Daniel Grad Makes Political History

Congratulations to Ruby Dhalla (1992) who made Canadian political history in the June 28 federal election by becoming the youngest Indo-Canadian woman ever elected to the House of Commons, representing the riding of Brampton-Springdale in Ontario.

School President and graduate of the class of 1992, Ruby went on to study at the University of Winnipeg, graduating in 1995 with a Bachelor of Science. She then moved to Toronto to pursue further education, becoming a Doctor of Chiropractic in 1999.

Despite her youth, Ruby can be considered a political veteran, having begun volunteering for the Liberal party at the age of 12. Now as a Member of Parliament, she sits on the Standing Committee on Health.

A number of Daniel grads have gone on to success in public office including Bill Norrie, who was Winnipeg's Mayor for 13 years, Howard Pawley, who served as Premier of Manitoba from 1981 to 1988 and George Johnson, a provincial cabinet minister in the 1950s and 60s and Manitoba's Lieutenant Governor from 1986 to 1993.

It is believed that Ruby Dhalla is the first Danielite to be elected a Member of Parliament.

Archival Committee Report

The donations from the alumni have enabled the Archival Committee to

preserve the history of the school in a variety of ways. Alumni donations have paid for the building and installation of the historical display cases in the main hallway and for the bronze plaques which provide the background of Dr. Daniel McIntyre and the history of the memorial alcove.



Picture of Dr. McIntyre hanging in the main hallway.

Pictures from the early years have been restored and framed or inserted into the display cases.

The committee also purchased the materials to create 4' x 4' plexiglass panels which commemorate specific decades as well as the athletic teams, the musicals and various other school activities.

These panels may be used to showcase the various activities and decades as the

need arises. They will be alumni, area residents and



stored on a cart, which has been designed and built by an alumnus, Jim Reed, 1952, for this specific purpose.

Jim Reed and his cart.

The creation of the panels is a work in progress. Sixteen out of the twenty-five have been completed.

The committee is looking for items that depict the school's history – tunics, jackets, sweaters, crests, pennants, yearbooks, programs (grad, musical, field day, etc.), dance cards, pins, rings, photos. We are particularly short of any material relating to the war years.

Garage Sale a Success

There were hundreds of deals to be had at the DMCI garage sale on April 17, 2004. The event attracted

many other seasoned garage sale shoppers to the school gym. By the time the last purchase of the afternoon had occurred the sale had successfully raised over \$2,000.

Thank you to everyone who donated items, large and small, for the sale. Gauging from the many satisfied shoppers seen leaving the school with boxes and bags filled to the brim, it was evident that your contributions were very much appreciated.

We also want to acknowledge the people who worked at the sale and helped with the collecting, sorting and pricing of items.

A special thanks to Assunta Rendina, a former member of the Board of Directors and the

coordinator of both the 2003 and 2004 DMCI garage sales, for her tireless efforts and enthusiasm.

School Report

It has been a busy fall at the school. A new crop of grade nine and ten students was welcomed in September. An afternoon of activities in the underground track helped them bond as well as meet senior students and teachers. Our new elevator access to the track meant equipment was easily taken down to the area.

The volleyball season recently wound up with the Varsity Boys losing a close decision to Grant Park for the City Conference Championship. All of our teams have had a good season. Basketball tryouts start soon and cricket won't be far behind.

Our Leadership Program continues to collect both students and kudos. These students serve as goodwill ambassadors that leave a lasting impression of DMCI students wherever they appear.

Our Performing Arts students continue to follow the long tradition of DMCI excellence. Students are performing at a number of venues this year. Choir, Vocal Jazz, Music, and

Dance programs continue to captivate students and audiences.

The Career Internship Program is returning after Christmas and many students are looking forward to participating in it. The program allows students who are interested in careers in a variety of professions the opportunity to try them out and serve internships in the real world. The Industrial Arts Department is busy with both senior and junior high students and a variety of new programs.

The Art teacher is actively working with students and staff.

Our Business Education & Technology Department is working hard to lead our students into the world of business and technology with courses such as Microsoft Certification, Word Perfect Certification, Keyboarding and Accounting.

We continue to offer a wide choice of academic courses to our students. After Christmas students will write provincial exams in English and Math. Later in the spring students who are taking Advanced Placement courses will write the exams required for credit in these courses.

For those students who pass by the Memorial Alcove each day, the recent Remembrance Day Service helped them understand the long tradition of DMCI volunteerism.

Visitors to the school are always impressed by both the school and the students. Comments on the beauty of the physical properties of the school are often heard, as are comments about the friendly and polite nature of our students.

The DMCI tradition continues into another generation.

Where Are They Now?

1930s

With Remembrance Day just passed, here are some timely memories from a DMCI grad who served in World War II and later went on to serve his community in many capacities.

George Waters, C.D. 1937

I graduated from DMCI in 1937 when there was no grade 12 in the school system. Principal A.C. Campbell called me into his office to determine if I was going to go on to university. I told him that I would like to go to university but that it

was impossible, as my mother was so poor that I had to try to obtain a job to help us get by financially.

Fortunately, Don Forsyth, one of my teachers, knew of our situation and told me that he could get me a job at Scott-Bathgate Co. Ltd. As jobs were scarce during the depression, I accepted the offer.

After the Second World War started, I changed jobs and worked at MacDonald Bros. Aircraft Co., making parts for wartime aircraft. Then in the spring of 1941 I enlisted in the RCAF. In 1943 I was posted to the RCAF No. 113 Bomber Squadron at Yarmouth, Nova Scotia. It was at Yarmouth that I had my first aeroplane ride over the Atlantic Ocean in a Hudson Anti-Submarine Bomber that carried four depth charges to drop on German submarines. It was also at Yarmouth that I experienced first hand the tragedy of war when my roommate, a navigator, was killed before my eyes as the aircraft he was in crashed on takeoff, killing the four air crew and three other people on the airfield.

After zigzagging, to avoid being torpedoed by German submarines, across the ocean on the Empress of Scotland during the Battle of the

Atlantic, I served with the RCAF No. 6 Bomber Group for three years in England. While in England I had the good fortune to marry Constance Paull, who was in the Royal Air Force, Women's Auxiliary. Over the years, my wife and I were blessed with three daughters and three sons.

After returning from the war, I was involved in sales work for many years and in 1962 became the Regional Personnel Director of the Prairies Region of the Department of Veterans Affairs. When that position was phased out, I became the Director of Personnel for Deer Lodge Hospital which became Deer Lodge Centre just before I retired in 1985.

I renewed my association with the airforce by joining the RCAF Auxiliary in 1951 for another 15 years of service in various capacities. I retired as a Flight Lieutenant and was awarded the Canadian Forces Decoration (C.D.) for exemplary service. In addition to the C.D., I have been awarded the Voluntary Service Medal with Bar, the Defence Medal and the 1939-45 War Medal.

Over the years I also became involved in numerous community activities. In the fall of 1965 I was elected as a trustee in the St. James-Assiniboia School Division and

served in various positions during my 18 year tenure.

In October 1993, the School Board established a school at the corner of Portage Avenue and Ferry Road that is now named George Waters Middle School. I was also active in the Manitoba Association of School Trustees. I have been instrumental in establishing a number of scholarships which are awarded annually in the five high schools in the St. James Assiniboia School Division.

After retirement from Deer Lodge Centre in 1985, I continued my volunteer activities, in recognition of which I received Centennial Medals from the federal and provincial governments, the City of Winnipeg Community Service Award, the Paul Harris Fellowship of Rotary International and the Queen's Commemorative Medal in honour of Queen Elizabeth's Golden Jubilee.

While volunteering with the United Nations Association, I worked with Gordon MacDonell who passed away recently at the age of 96. Gordon had been my teacher in Latin and physical education, and my school hockey and soccer coach when I was at General Wolfe Junior High School. When I started at Daniel McIntyre

Collegiate, he moved there that same year, so I had him again as my hockey and soccer coach.

In closing, I must thank the many teachers who inspired me and other students. No doubt teachers today continue to inspire many of their students.

1940s

Shirley Bookbinder 1944

In July of this year 15 "old" friends from the class of 1944 held a 60th reunion at Alan Miller's cottage at Loni Beach. We met on Friday afternoon for drinks and snacks and then went on to the Beach Bay Restaurant for a pickerel dinner - delicious! On Saturday everyone read the copies of the *Breezes* from 1942-45, and recalled our school years, the teachers we had, the chums we had lost track of and how much Daniel had shaped our lives. Alan, who spent many years in the Provincial Recreation Branch, organized croquet and bocci games. We aren't as athletic as we once were but it was fun. Lunch, a BBQ on Saturday night and a breakfast on Sunday rounded out our party weekend.

The group was made up of the following: Irene Mather nee McInnis, Allison Olson nee Miller, Embree McDermid nee

