



Alere Flammam

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Spring Concert Celebrates Alumni Donors

Dou could not have asked for a more perfect spring afternoon for the Lisgar Alumni Auditorium Donor Appreciation Event, held on Sunday April 30, 2006. The event was to thank the generous donors—Benefactors, Patrons, and Sponsors—who altogether contributed \$47,685.68 for the refurbishment of the Alumni auditorium. During Lisgar’s 160th anniversary, which took place in 2004, the Friends of Lisgar Campaign chose to donate funds raised to the Auditorium because it had not been significantly restored for over 20 years.

The results are a must-see: an enlarged stage that can now hold the very impressive full Lisgar orchestra, newly painted walls in a soft grey with blue accents, framed historical photographs of the school, upgraded brass light fixtures, and refurbished theatre-like upholstered blue seating. As an acknowledgement of donor contributions, each donor’s name has been engraved on a brass plaque and placed on a chair. Donors were able to locate their plaque by the listings set out in the program. One alumni noted that his plaque was affixed to the same front row seat that he had often been assigned as a student so that his teach-

ers could keep an eye on him!

The approximately 275 attendees at the event also included School Trustees and the families of Lisgar students. Guests were treated to an afternoon music concert provided by current students in the school’s well-respected and much-touted music program, for which there is often a waiting list for enrolment. One enthusiastic attendee was Mr. John Roebuck, a Lisgar Music teacher during the 1970s. A fellow alumnus, Mr. Savvas Lithopolous (1975) was able to track him down and escort Mr. Roebuck to the event. Mrs. Trudy Bradley, retiring Music Director, conducted both the string ensemble and senior orchestra

in the performance of several classical pieces. Both Mr. Roebuck and Mrs. Bradley have left a deep musical impression on their students. Several alumni noted that Mrs. Bradley remembers every one of her students—by the instrument that they played. A more recent addition to the Lisgar music program is Music Director Mr. Richard Arrigo, who conducted the senior jazz and wind ensembles, and in the true spirit of the “show must go on” stepped in at the last minute to play the trumpet.

A reception followed the music concert. Students and attendees enjoyed refreshments and a wide selection of sweet treats. There was

much good cheer, conversation, and reminiscences as people roamed around the Library and the main floor, sampling the treats and looking at the many displays set up for this event. All in all, it was a very successful and pleasant way to spend an afternoon at Lisgar.

The Alumni Association would especially like to thank the school staff, including: Principal Karen Gledhill, Office Administrator Neil Petrie, Cheryl and Kristiana Dudley (auditorium restoration), and the Alumni volunteers led by Rod Hagglund, whose recent bout of laryngitis was kept at bay while he was Master of Ceremonies. ■

Three Influential Teachers Retire

The Lisgar community has been shaken by the announcement of the impending retirement of three well-respected and much loved teachers: Larry Peters, Margaret Poetschke, and Trudy Bradley. Those of us lucky

enough to have had them as teachers know first-hand how much their passion for their subjects was imparted to their students.

For the Fall 2006 edition of *Alere Flammam*, we would like to print a

tribute to these teachers compiled from memories of past and present students and colleagues. We invite you to send in your favourite memories to alumni@lisgar.net. We will print as many as we can. ■

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Retiring teachers Larry Peters, Trudy Bradley, and Margaret Poetschke, each in their first year at Lisgar (1978, 1982, and 1988) and more recently

Members' Forum

A correction to note: Peter Chance's letter in the Fall 2005 edition incorrectly named John Dunning as having spoken at Lisgar's Remembrance Day ceremony. It should have been John Dunfield. We apologize for the error.

Sally (Alba) van Oudenol (Steeds, 1951) writes from her home in Abbotsford, BC that she is happy to donate her yearbooks from 1946-1951 to the Archives. She was also pleased to receive the Fall 2005 newsletter as: it always brings back memories ... wonderful memories of Fuzzy Irwin, Miss Jessie Smith, Johnny Dunlop, Wright Neil and so many more. ... Memories of Football Fridays, our school song, our school yell, morning assemblies, school orchestra, stacked lockers, blue gym rompers, glee club, wonderful school concerts, those sticky doughnuts they sold in the cafeteria, VE Day (what a day that was in Ottawa) ... Memories of friends, most I have lost touch with, Mary Hill (Summerby), Barb Stoate (Laugh), Jill Blair, Frances Major (Dunning), Bev Scobie, Terry Allen. I find it quite amazing the number of

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Lisgarites I meet in my travels. I say I was born in Ottawa and the conversation often leads to Lisgar Collegiate.

I live in a small seniors' condo in Abbotsford BC. At a 90th birthday party for one of our seniors, I sat beside Richard Prichett. He lives on our floor but I had never had a chance to visit with him. Small talk—what did you do in your working years? "I was a geologist, a graduate of Carleton University—and in 1959, I graduated from Lisgar Collegiate in Ottawa." I got up and gave him a hug—maybe that was improper because he was recently widowed (he enjoyed the hug!). His brother Terry was a teacher at Lisgar for many years.. I loaned him our 150th Reunion book and all of the newsletters that I had on file. He enjoyed the literature and he found his brother's picture in the 150th book. It was great to find a Lisgarite in this small building in Abbotsford ... Mr. Prichett spends his free time volunteering at a Seniors' care home/hospital and I spend my free time with hand crafts and organizing seniors' activities in our building.

Hugh Anderson (1959) writes: Mary Gemmill, one of my very favourite teachers while I was at Lisgar, has passed away. I attended the visitation at the funeral home the other day. I believe I was the only one from L.C.I. there, but the family was very pleased with my stories of Miss Gemmill. I had her for French and Latin in two of the three years I was at Lisgar (1957 to 1959). As a result, I became a Latin teacher for 4 years before teaching all math the rest of my 40 years of teaching at Martingrove C.I. in Etobicoke, Ont. I believe she was at L.C.I. from about 1957 to perhaps 1967. She then left for Havergal in Toronto. I once went to see her but she did not remember me! Although disappointed, I still let her know of the influence she had on me.

Barbara Saker (Telford, 1953) donated her 1951 and 1953 Vox Lycei and writes that: reading the

In Memoriam

ARMSTRONG, Dr. Robert Alan (1949). Peacefully on February 25, 2006 at age 79. Beloved husband of Mary (Vickery). Loving father of Bob, Jane, Anne, and Joe. Dr. Armstrong led a distinguished career with Health and Welfare Canada. As the first Director of the newly created Medical Care Program, he implemented public health insurance in Canada in 1967. He will be missed.

BERRY, Peter Cushing—Commander RCN (Ret'd) (1942). On February 13, 2006. Peter joined the Navy in 1944 as a Volunteer Sub Lieutenant in the RCN. He served in numerous ships, attaining the rank of Commander, and serving as captain of HMCS Algonquin before taking voluntary retirement in 1964. Peter had four great loves throughout his life: the Royal Canadian Navy, the game of squash, which he played competitively to the end, his family, and the farm. Peter Berry is survived by his devoted wife of 49 years, Anne, his children, Matthew, Frances, David and Michael, and his brother Charles Horace Berry.

CARROLL, James Maurice (1967/68). On September 27, 2002 at the age of 55. Lovingly remembered by his children Stacie, Adam, Noah, and their mother Bonnie. Dearest brother of Joan Simboli (Tim) and Judy Faloon (Tom). Dear friend of Tina Lohoar.

CONTRERAS, Rodrigo Fernando (1989). On January 8, 2006 at the age of 35. Dearly beloved son of Helen Forsey and Rodrigo Contreras. Dear

brother of Eugene, Alexander, Nicholas, and Anna Sofia. Rodrigo will be lovingly remembered by his family and dear friends.

DOE, Dr. Tannis (1984). Passed away at her home in Victoria, B.C. on August 4, 2004 due to a pulmonary embolism. Doe is survived by her daughter, Ann Marie and her friends and family. As a Métis deaf woman, with other disabilities, she was active in disability, queer, and feminist movements internationally. She was also widely respected as a disability rights advocate and an educator. Doe was a professor of social work and disability studies at the University of Victoria and also taught at Royal Roads College, Ryerson, and at the University of Washington. In 2003 she was a Fullbright Scholar in Bioethics at the University of Washington.

HUNDEVAD, The Rev. Dr. Alan Stewart. On December 10, 2004, age 72, after a long illness. Dear brother of Ida Schjelderup (Herstmonceux, England), step brother to Neil and Mark. An outstanding organist who gave many concerts, his whole life was dedicated to his music, his churches, and his congregations.

KEILLOR, Huntley "Lee" Weldon (Ret'd Captain). On December 5, 2005 at the age of 84. A great curler, golfer, skier, and spirited fellow, he is survived by children Lawrie Keillor-Faulkner, Gary, and Diana. Although they were separated, he is remem-

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newsletter when it comes is always interesting, though fewer and fewer names that I remember appear. I kept up my friendship with Ann McElray Taylor through the years until last year when my Christmas card and letter were returned.

Paul Litwack (Head Boy, 1976) wrote that he really enjoys the newsletter. After Lisgar, he attended the University of Western Ontario, earning a degree in Mathematics/Business, Co-op. He worked for IBM,

Hewlett Packard, Canadian Pacific, and Dun & Bradstreet, where he was the Director of Management Development until the stock market crash of 1987. He is now celebrating his 30th successful year of business as the Capability Improvement Coach and was selected as one of the top 100 corporate coaches in the world. <http://www.the-coach.com>.

Eileen Galazka (Chequer, 1940) writes from her home in Lecanto Florida: I'd like you to know my

brother was a graduate of Lisgar and was killed on January 30th, 1944. He was a bomber pilot, Flt. Lt. George J. Chequer and I believe his name is in the school's Memorial Hall. If you have any pictures of your Memorial Hall, I'd love to see them. My days of traveling "home" are long gone since at 81, I am disabled and in Florida for the warm weather. I congratulate you on your excellent newsletter—it's great to read it. Our Principal in my days was Mr. Stewart—a wonderful gentleman. We had some wonderful teachers. I even played violin in our school orchestra so I have many lovely memories of my school days. [Editor's note: photos of George Chequer's plaque have been sent to Ms. Galazka]

Robert S. Whittle (staff, 1932-1956) wrote from Victoria, BC that he reckons that at age 97, he is Lisgar's oldest former teacher.

Neil Alder (1952) sent in a photo of a group of Alumni who attended Lisgar between 1946 and 1953. This group has been meeting every summer for the past 17 years. They plan on meeting for the 18th time on Saturday August 12th, 2006. These reunions are held at the home of Neil Alder in Smiths Falls and anyone who attended Lisgar during 1946-1953 are most welcome. Interested alumni can contact Neil at nalder@ripnet.com or phone him at (613) 283-7615.

Chris Meiklejohn (1960) writes from Winnipeg: I have admired the quality of Alere Flammam since first receiving a copy shortly after it began appearing, but put off becoming a signed up lifer until now. I look for news of old friends, teachers I had, and other information on Lisgar. I noted that Bill Fraser, a long-time teacher and friend from public and high school days, had retired. In the last issue I noticed the recent deaths of two people who were friends of my family when I lived in Ottawa, Marion Bray and Bert Adkins. I left Ottawa in 1964 after graduating from Carleton, to

attend U of T. I have been teaching Anthropology and Archaeology since 1967, first at U Penn, and since 1970, at U Winnipeg. I am planning to retire in 2007 after 40 years in the classroom. I have been married since 1966 to Belle Finlayson Meiklejohn (Glebe 1962) and we have 3 children. We also have a grandson, 9, and a granddaughter, 4. I have lost track of my classmates from Lisgar, though Aija Svenne (Pulins), now a well-known artist in Winnipeg, is a close friend, and Barry Kelly is also a long-time faculty member at U Winnipeg.

Ian Brodie (1991) writes from his home in Sydney, NS: If anyone's asking, I am finishing up my PhD in Folklore, and am assistant professor of Folklore at Cape Breton University.

Ida Schjelderup (Hundevad, 1946) writes from her home in Herstmonceux, England: Thank you so much for sending me an invitation to the unveiling of the Alumni Auditorium Donor Plaques. I cannot tell you how much I would like to be there...Lisgar means a great deal to me, and I hope to come to see the plaques on my annual trip to Ottawa this coming September.

Marie Hutt (O'Callaghan, 1935) writes from Harrow, Ontario: Sorry to not be able to attend the unveiling [of the donor plaques]...my thoughts will be with you. [Editor's note: Marie is a former Guidance Secretary, Alumni Association Secretary, and student.]

Sheila Creed (Bouser, 1942) writes from Duncan, BC: Thank you for the invitation...unfortunately due to health reasons, I do not travel far from home anymore! I would dearly love to be there [at the Donor Appreciation event], as I have fond memories of the school and Auditorium!

C. Joy Davies (Casey, 1937) writes from Fredericton, NB: Many thanks for the invitation [to the Donor Appreciation event]...I will be thinking of you all as I have such a soft spot

for Lisgar. My last trip to Ottawa was in 1998 when I had to have a peek at my old High School!

Micaela Mankowski (2003) e-mailed the Alumni office: I recently received the fall newsletter and thought that the piece on Leonard Zamor was a lovely tribute to a man who I, also, remember as being gentle, quirky, startlingly brilliant, and wonderfully funny. I would like to pass along my condolences (to his family), and also let them know that this magnificent man influenced me in a positive and memorable way.

Paul Ingram (1952) recently inquired about any Alumni living in London, ON. If you are interested in getting in touch with Paul, e-mail the alumni office at alumni@lisgar.net.

W. Gordon Johnston (1940) wrote to provide us with a detailed account of his experiences with the RCAF and asked that his name be added to our veteran's list in the Memorial Hall. George enlisted in July 1941 and served until September 1945. He re-enlisted in 1948 and served until 1966. He graduated from the RCAF Staff College as a specialist in navigation courses and retired as a Squadron leader. He was awarded the Queen's Jubilee medal in February 2002. While at Lisgar he played on the

football, basketball, and hockey teams. He remembers fellow classmates, Rocky Robillard, Art and Gordie Mackie, Al Haig, Leo Heapes, Dwain Merkely, Joe Bodnoff, Joe Legett, Charlie Kelly, and Wally Packman. He remembers Lisgar as being an excellent learning institution, with an unusual basketball court, Friday Football, and hockey at the Auditorium.

Gordon Henderson (1949) writes from his home in Richmond, Indiana: Unfortunately I won't be able to attend [the Donor Appreciation event]...when, 15 years ago, I turned 60, I realized it was time to stop dilly-dallying and sign up to take piano lessons... My teacher, a superb pianist herself... a veritable tyrant who will drop you as a student if you don't practice, requires that a student appear in recital once every year. That is what I will be doing on April 29th—playing several of Bach's Goldberg variations.

Liz Armstrong (Lindly, 1959) writes: I really enjoy receiving the newsletter, especially as there is always something written about my generation! The "Aud" brings back many fond memories, so I'd like my donation to help with its renovations... the AM assem-

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Alumnus W. Gordon Johnson at the RCAF memorial in Trenton, Ontario

In Memoriam

In Memoriam (continued)

bered fondly by wife Joyce. He was a veteran (Royal Canadian Artillery) of World War II and the Korean conflict. He was also past-president of the Westboro Kiwanis Club and Ottawa Real Estate Board.

KIRK, Joan Ferguson. On November 6th, 2005 at the age of 82. Beloved wife of the late Lloyd Kirk. Loving and caring mother of Bruce, Gordon, Howard, and Kathy. Remembered by her brother Ross.

MARKEY, John Edward (1937) On March 16, 2006 at the age of 87. Survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Rita, and their children, Stephen, Sharon, Shaun, Scott, Stuart, and Sloan.

MORCHAIN, Janet Brett Ph.D (teacher and Head, Social Sciences 1973–1995). Janet died on Monday, December 12, 2005 in the company of her husband, Michael Wall. She had suffered from Parkinson's Disease and spinal damage for some years. She was pre-deceased by her brother James. She leaves her sister Catherine Thompson and her two nephews, Michael and Gabriel. She was educated at Havergal College, Trinity College at the University of Toronto, and the University of Rochester. An historian, she was the author of two books, *Sharing a Continent* and *Search for a Nation*.

PARYAS, Eric Robert Henry (1996). After a lengthy illness, on Sunday, October 23, 2005, Eric Robert Henry Paryas in his 29th year. Beloved only son of Heinz and Phyllis Paryas (former teachers at Lisgar). Much loved brother of Phyllis Isobel.

SADAVOY, Esther (1934). Died in

March of this year at the age of 89 in Toronto. She was a proud Lisgarite, believed it was the best school for herself and her children, and followed the lives and families of many former teachers while she lived in Ottawa from birth to 1977. Esther leaves behind Corinne (Sklar) (1960), Judy (Cohen) (1962), Lyle (1966), David (1969), and Benjamin (1971), as well as numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was, as we are, grateful for the memories.

SMITH, Bette-Anne (Kniewasser, 1947).

TAYLOR, Beverly (1940). Passed away August 3, 2005 at the age of 84, after a short illness. Husband of the late Helen Taylor, dear father of Sharon Taylor Skoryk. Brother to Constance, Kingsley, June, and the late Ernest Taylor (1937), who predeceased him by 16 days.

TAYLOR, Ernest (1937). Died peacefully July 17, 2005. Older brother to Beverly, Constance, Kingsley, Margaret (d. 1932), and June. Served in Italy and northern Europe as Captain, R.C.A. Married Marjorie Stoyand (d. 2001). Survived by children David (Pam), Richard (Debbie), Christopher (Jenn), Barbara (John).

WOODBURN, Paul K. Sr. (1935). Died June 6, 2005 at the age of 86. He served in the Canadian Army in World War II as an inspector of munitions plants. It was in this job that he met his future wife, Duretta Keltz (deceased). After the war he worked for Richie Feed and Seed Company, Ottawa. He is survived by his sister, Marjorie Mowat, his daughter, Cherry Woodburn, and his son, Paul Woodburn. ■

A Tribute to Dr. Janet Morchain Head of Social Sciences 1973–1995

Janet died of heart failure on Monday, December 12, 2005 in the company of her husband, Michael Wall. She had suffered from Parkinson's Disease and spinal damage for some years.

Having attended high school at Havergal College in Toronto, Janet received her post secondary education at Trinity College at the University of Toronto, and the University of Rochester. Declining offers to teach at the university level, Janet chose instead to dedicate her career to teaching high school first in Oakville, Ontario, and then in Ottawa. In Ottawa, she taught at Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Champlain High Schools before joining the staff at Lisgar Collegiate in 1973, as head of Social Sciences. She remained at Lisgar until her retirement in 1995.

Janet was known for her scholarship and it is said she was a fascinating classroom teacher. One parent credits her with having inspired his son to pursue studies in History. Janet had many other interests as well. She was a member of the Conservative party, having served as president of the provincial and federal riding associations, and subsequently as a member of the board of the Ottawa West-Nepean Conservatives until her death. Janet also wrote two books: *Sharing the Continent*, which is about Canadian-U.S. relations, and *Search for a Nation*, which is about English-French relations in Canada since 1759. At the time of her death, she had just completed a third edition of *Search for a*



Dr. Janet Morchain

Nation, which is to be published by Fitzhenry and Whiteside. Her husband, Michael, affectionately related the fact that she had never adapted to the technology of the computer and had typed her manuscripts on her faithful old Remington.

Janet had a great fondness for Lisgar and served as a member of the Alumni Association executive for many years. She was always an enthusiastic early-bird to sign up for homecomings, such as the recent 160th celebration. Many of her female students from the 1970s gathered around her at this reunion to thank her for being a role model by encouraging them to pursue a university education and post-graduate studies.

Among Janet's several qualities spoken of at her funeral were her commitment and loyalty. Lisgar has benefited greatly from these attributes. ■

Here and There

A Way To Be Remembered

In New York City, the block of West 66th Street sandwiched between Columbus Avenue and Central Park was renamed "Peter Jennings Way" on Tuesday, February 17th. This renaming is in honor of the long time World News Tonight anchor who died of lung cancer in August. Jennings not only worked in the neighborhood during

his ABC News career, but also lived nearby. Peter Jennings attended Lisgar in the 1950s.

Lisgar Student Wins Poster Contest

Lisgar student Sofia Hou, 14, is the winner of this year's Canada Day Poster Challenge. Her design was selected from more than 20,000 submissions to be the official 2006 Canada Day poster. Her poster will be distributed throughout the country by the

Celebrate Canada Committee. Sofia explains her design as "our nation Canada, seen through the eyes of the people of the country, as being full of diversity and beauty from sea to sea."

Alumnus Receives City of Ottawa Appreciation Award

For more than 40 years, Ken Kingsbury (1945) and his wife Betty have been active volunteers in their community. They have volunteered with the

Metcalf Agricultural Society, their local church, the Kenmore Community Association, the Ottawa General Hospital, the Heart and Stroke Foundation, and the Canadian Cancer Society, among others. Mr. and Mrs. Kingsbury are a vital part of our rural fabric and they work tirelessly to build and maintain the rural community. The couple were the recipients of a City of Ottawa Civic Appreciation Award for the Rural/Agriculture sector.

Members' Forum (con.)

blies, racing there from the gym and perspiring like a melting person from Fran Lee's basketball practices! I was impressed with Secretary Elizabeth Hale's comments—4010 alumnae listed and only 779 have paid memberships...that's quite astounding! Thank you for your patience and loyalty to good old L.C.I!

John Dunfield (1937) writes from his home in Ottawa: I attended the funeral of Huntley 'Lee' Keillor on December 10, 2005. Mr. Keillor was a Lisgar grad from 1939 and his name is on the WWII and Korean War plaques.

Caitlin Fisher (1985) writes: I wanted to let you know that my Uncle Wallace Edwards (1976), an illustrator, had his book *Mixed Beasts* short-listed for this year's Governor General's Award for Children's Book Illustration. His first book, *Alphabeasts*, won the award in 2003, and his second book, *Monkey Business*, was awarded numerous prizes. Wally did lots of cartoons for the *Gargoyle* when he was at Lisgar. I think he drew people for the yearbook too—if they forgot to submit photos!

On a personal note, I graduated with a PhD in Social and Political thought and I currently hold a Canada Research Chair in Digital Culture at York University. My hypermedia novella, *These Waves of Girls* was awarded the International Electronic Literature Award for Fiction in New York in 2001. I wrote a lot at Lisgar and always found my teachers to be really encouraging of creative practices and weird projects and I am grateful. ■

Notes from Down Below

From Joy Heft

Since the last newsletter, the Memorial Hall has been updated with the addition of five names that had been missing from the World War II plaque: Roy Abrahamson, Lois Bayley, Myer (Merv) Ginsberg, Gordon Johnston, and Graham Stremes. In addition, the plate for Harry Dover, mistakenly identified as Henry Dover on the First World War plaque, has finally been corrected. Another name of interest is that of Wendel Clark, a paratrooper killed in Normandy in 1944. Wendel, who attended Lisgar in the years 1928-1930, was a member of the First Canadian Parachute Battalion and is the subject of a book entitled *Paratrooper*. Wendel's nephew discovered that his uncle was not listed among the war dead on the plaque in Lisgar's Memorial Hall and brought it to our attention. An effort will be made to remedy this error; however, the fact that this plaque has the names permanently inscribed in bas relief presents more of a challenge.

There continues to be an interest in *Vox*, both in terms of donations and those expressing an interest with the intention to purchase. Gary Neal Hanson was delighted to be able to purchase copies of the 1984-88 *Vox* that his wife, Dawna Duff, had lost while attending McGill University. This surprise was all the more special in that the books arrived on their sixth-month anniversary. They reside in the United States. Another request from the United States came from Alexander Grushin who attended Lisgar in grade nine. He has fond memories of the school and wished to purchase the

copies for what would have been his final two years at Lisgar, had he remained (he had the two intervening years' books). To those who continue to donate, your gracious gesture is much appreciated. Thanks to your generosity, we have received eight of the copies we requested as of our last newsletter. Still wanted are: 1911, 1914 (spring), 1914 (fall), 1922, 1924, 1955, 1959, and 1960.

In recent months the alumni showcase has featured three exhibits displaying archival materials. The first, mounted to coincide with Remembrance Day, contained many pictures and other pertinent items having to do with World War II (the previous year's display highlighted World War I). The 2006 Winter Olympics provided an opportune time to show off the ski poles of Olympic champion and Canadian Athlete of the Year (1960), Anne Heggtveit. The display included related pictures and newspaper articles, as well as some highlighting the career of Donald Jackson, former Olympic Figure Skating champion. The antique skates of Nigel Stephens, Canadian Figure Skating champion and member of the figure skating Hall of Fame, completed the exhibit. Finally, the current exhibit mounted for the Alumni reception, recognizing those who had contributed to the auditorium refurbishment contains medals, crests, and pins created by and for Lisgarites over the decades—form pins, Students' Council pins, award medallions. An additional display in the library contains books from Lisgar's many published authors. The alumni showcase, which allows us to exhibit interesting



The alumni showcase in Lisgar's main hall

items from our collection, is a free-standing unit that was donated to the alumni in memory of the late Jack Stoller by his family.

The Wall of Fame file contains the names of three additional candidates to receive the honour of being recognized as noteworthy athletes. The Wall will be updated from time to time, and you are invited to nominate yourself or someone else whom you think may qualify. Currently we are seeking a steward to replace Bill Fraser who has been responsible for the file. As the groundwork has been laid, this is not an onerous task. Anyone with a keen interest in athletics is invited to volunteer for the position.

A final matter of interest is the news that the documentary produced by Peggy Shkuda about former Governor General Adrienne Clarkson will appear on CBC on or around September 6, 2006. Apparently Lisgar is prominently featured. Check your local listings for details. ■

From the Secretary

From Elizabeth Hale

Thanks so much to all of you who have contacted the Alumni Office this past year via letter, e-mail, and the phone. I really enjoy hearing your Lisgar tales—you will find many of them in the Members' Forum. Keep them coming! 2006 started on a good

note at the office—already 30 of you have joined as Life Members. Please remember to keep your annual membership fees up-to-date too. It is only \$15 a year (or \$100 for life).

I was so proud to have been a part of the team that organized the Donor Plaque event on May 30th. I'd like to say a special thank you to everyone who helped make the event the success

that it was. It was a pleasure to meet many of you who contributed to this worthy cause and see you enjoying the newly refurbished Auditorium and your seat plaques. Several of you who were unable to attend asked for a photo of your seat and I am happy to do this—just let me know.

We recently introduced a new memorabilia item: a stainless steel trav-

el mug. They are beautiful and very handy for the car. Keep them in mind for stocking stuffers this Christmas!

I hope you all have a safe and relaxing summer and I look forward to reading all of your news as it arrives at the office. I can be reached any time at alumni@lisgar.net. Alere Flammam! ■



Students perform in Lisgar's production of the 1950 Broadway musical *Guys and Dolls*

A Grand Reopening for the Alumni Auditorium

On December 1, 2005, a ceremony was held to mark the official reopening of Lisgar's venerable auditorium following the renovations made possible by your donations to the Friends of Lisgar campaign. The occasion was the opening night of the (1950) Broadway musical *Guys and Dolls*, performed by an enthusiastic and able group of Lisgar students under the leadership of Mrs. Trudy Bradley and Mr. Richard Arrigo.

Before the performance, Principal Karen Gledhill invited seven members of your Alumni Executive on stage for a ribbon-cutting ceremony. The ceremony marked not only the completion of this part of the renovations, but also the renaming of the auditorium as the Alumni Auditorium, in honour of the Friends of Lisgar donors and all the generations of Lisgarites who have gathered in this facility for assemblies, plays, and concerts over its long history. The name is permanently inscribed on the archway over the main entrance.

The renovation and painting have restored the old hall to the elegance that it had once known before age, use, and the funding cutbacks of recent years caused its beauty to fade. The colour scheme, which respects the Blue and Grey traditions of the school, was designed by Lisgar student Kristiana Dudley and her mother, Cheryl Dudley. The Alumni executive was consulted on the plans before the

major work commenced in the late summer. Photographs of the school from earlier years (in frames made from rescued squares of the old tin ceilings!), and posters from past Lisgar plays and musicals adorn the walls.

The true dedication, of course, took place a few moments after the ceremony, as the curtain rose on an energetic and hilarious rendition of *Guys and Dolls*, and as the music, laughter, and applause of students, parents, teachers, friends, and alumni filled the auditorium to join with the echoes of days gone by. Luck was cer-

tainly a *Lady* for everyone who took the chance to come to this performance!

Much more work is still required to bring the Alumni Auditorium up to full standards, particularly in the areas of sound, lighting, and other behind-the-scenes needs. The nearly \$50,000 raised thus far has been a great start, but that much again is still needed. Every bit helps and we appreciate the donations that continue to arrive. The plaques on the auditorium seats honouring our donors were dedicated this April 30, but there will always be room for more names. ■

From the Editor

From Gillian Campbell (Siebrasse)

Lisgar was much in the local news this past February when a group of enthusiastic parents and future students camped out on the grounds for up to four days, hoping to register for a cross-boundary space at the school. Principal Karen Gledhill reported that the campers were very civilized and orderly, and established their own rules for keeping places in line. Local restaurants were continually bringing food over to the campers and there was a general feeling of camaraderie on the grounds. When the school doors were opened on Monday morning at 6:00, Principal Gledhill had coffee, hot chocolate, and doughnuts

waiting for the registrants and their families. Anyone who happened by the school over that weekend commented that it was a sight not to be missed!

Many non-Lisgarites wondered why people would be so anxious to attend the school, but I think for many students and Alumni there would be no question. As a cross-boundary student myself, I was determined to attend Lisgar when I changed schools before my grade 11 year. At the time, cross-boundary students were accepted if they could find a program offered at Lisgar that was not offered by the other high-schools. And so to get into the school, I spent my first two years at Lisgar taking an Ancient Greek OAC at 8:00 in the morning, three mornings a week. Although learning Ancient Greek was undoubtedly academically enrich-

Life Members

We are delighted to report that 30 alumni have become Life Members since the Fall 2005 issue of *Alere Flammam*. They are:

Al Abelson, 1947
Liz (Lindley) Armstrong, 1959
Donald Bloor, 1974
Avi Caplan, 2000
Heather A. Evans, 1987
Caitlin Fisher, 1985
Christopher Goddard, 2004
Henry Hallett, 2003
Jessie Hallett, 2004
Bill Hamilton, 1962
Robert Haslett, 1993
Joy Heft, retired teacher, 2002
Paul Ingram, 1952
Paul A. Lindsay, 1956
Eilish Mcconville, 2003
Dr. Chris Meiklejohn, 1960
Anthony Okolie, 1987
Jude Okolie, 1985
Mark C. Orbay, 1994
David Owen, 2001
Megan Owen, 1999
Amy Park, 1988
John D. Redfern, 1954
Stirling M. Ross, 1948
H. Llyn Seymour, 1942
Shelley (MacDonald) Seymour, 1974
Marilyn (Shillington) Sloan, 1973
Simone Smith, 1992
John Tavel, 1958
Eric Theoret, 2003

ing, it was not nearly as much fun as winter camping with friends would be!

I am really pleased to be editing *Alere Flammam* and I am looking forward to hearing from and learning about Alumni from all years. The Alumni Association has been especially welcoming to me over the past few months—they are a very dedicated group of people. I would especially like to thank Elizabeth Hale, Avi Caplan, and Pat Hood for giving me a crash course in the workings of *Alere Flammam*. This team has been doing a great job editing the newsletter and I will try to maintain its high standards and informative approach going forward. If you have any comments or suggestions for the newsletter, please do not hesitate to e-mail me at alumni@lisgar.net. ■