



Alere Flammam

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1936 Grad Bids Farewell to Alumni Executive

The Executive of the Lisgar Alumni Association is bidding a fond farewell to one of its longest-standing members. Milton Shaffer is retiring from the executive after over 20 years of service and dedication to his alma mater.

Shaffer, still spry in his 91st year, remembers his years of attending Lisgar with fond affection. The 1936 grad recalls that the event of the year back in the Depression was the dance hosted by the At Home committee, of which he was one of the heads. It was a big deal, he says, because students got “gussied up” in rented tuxedos and danced to real music under a giant mirror ball.

He also remembers the concerts performed by the various orchestras and dance club, including the tap dance club, which he and his future wife Sarah were a part of. “I’ve been very impressed with the Lisgar orchestras through the years,” he says. Shaffer still goes out of his way to attend many of the events Lisgar students put on to this day.

Sports were another big deal when Shaffer was attending Lisgar. Although most of the school’s teams were second-tier, there was a pride one felt



SHIPPING OUT: Retiring Lisgar Alumni Association executive member Milton Shaffer's student and Association days have been filled with great memories.

when the teams beat a school from the first tier. Basketball games were especially fun to watch, especially other teams’ attempts at manoeuvring through the gymnasium—now the cafeteria—with its large pillars in the middle of the court.

One of Shaffer’s favorite anecdotes is from when he was a member of the school football team. The team, by the

way, played on Percy Square, which is now City Hall. After a couple of his teammates went down, suffering injuries from hits inflicted on them by the opposing players, Shaffer came up with a simple solution: instead of taking the hits and spraining an ankle or two, they should lift up their knees to meet the oncoming attackers. Needless to say, other teams had to decide on

another strategy after that!
After graduation, Shaffer married Sarah Fine on September 11, 1938 and spent the next thirty years running Shaffer’s Limited, a clothing business started by his father on Rideau Street—a business he ran until 1967. He still stayed active in Ottawa’s cloth-

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Lisgar Music Ensembles Perform in Europe

Over the March break, Lisgar’s senior music ensembles went on a tour of Austria and Germany. The trip was a great success, with students visiting such historic cities as Munich, Salzburg, and Vienna.

The groups performed three times and were very warmly received. The audiences for two of the concerts consisted of German students, who were



TALES FROM THE VIENNA WOODS: Orchestra members pose for a photo while on their Europe tour.

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Members' Forum

Judy Wedderspoon (Plumptre, 1959) writes from Surrey, England: I had been intending to make a donation in memory of Miss Meech for years but never got organized... better late than never! She was a remarkable teacher. I saw her again about 18 months before she died. Although she was in hospital and was not expecting me, she remembered exactly who I was. I had forgotten what an enchanting smile she had—I'm glad to remember that about her too.

Dorothy Leith (1945) writes from Camberwell, Australia that she enjoys receiving the newsletter, even though it has been some years since she went to Lisgar.

Joan Gordon (1949) sent in a donation for the Lisgar ski team in memory of her husband M. Laird Gordon (1949), who passed away on October 13, 2002.

Sheila Creed (Bouser, 1942) writes from B.C.: I was so pleased to get the photos you sent of "my chair" and the Alumni Auditorium... I recently met up with Ralph and Valerie Canning

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(Brampton) who have been living in Duncan for many years too. They saw my name in a Lisgar newsletter and phoned. We had a nice get-together. We didn't know each other at school, but we do now! It's a small world!

Evelyn Greenberg (1955) e-mailed with some current addresses for MIA life members and writes: Your issues of *Alere Flamman* are always so informative and well crafted. I read every word! Thanks for all your efforts.

Charles La Rochelle (1939) made a donation for the Alumni Auditorium in memory of his brother Arthur.

Abe Feinstein is organizing a reunion of the 1955 Lisgar Senior Basketball team. For information, contact Abe at abebeb@sympatico.ca or 613 828-8912.

Peter Chance (1939) comments on the death of Robert Whittle, former Lisgar teacher: It is with sadness mixed with joy for a full life lived ... for one of Lisgar's greatest teachers. It was my privilege and pleasure to have been able to visit him here in Victoria and later have a very rewarding phone call with him.

Donald Whillans (1946) writes from his home in Cobden, Ontario: Thank you for sending the Alumni news. I enjoy it... not many of us left!

Jill Davies wrote in the fall of 2006 to tell us of her mother C. Joy Davies' (Casey, 1936) death: Thank you very much for the photos of the chair my mom paid for in the Alumni Auditorium. She'd be delighted. My mom was a staunch Lisgar supporter. She died peacefully on Aug 22—a month shy of her 88th birthday. It never ceased to amaze, the importance of Lisgar in my mom's life—thanks for helping her maintain those good memories.

Fred Metrick e-mailed his appreciation to George Toller and Frank Lathe for their article in our Fall

In Memoriam

BURGESS, Betty died on February 11, 2007 in her 92nd year. Betty was predeceased by her beloved sister Mary. She is survived by her sister Helen Morgan. Donations welcome to Lisgar Collegiate Scholarship Fund, in memory of Betty's dear friend, Adel Gazal.

BUTLER, Charles R. (1950) passed away in December 2001.

CONTRERAS, Rodrigo (1989) died on January 8, 2006 at the age of 35. Dearly beloved son of Helen Forsey and Rodrigo Conteras, brother of Eugene, Alexander (Lisgar 2001), Nicholas (Lisgar 2003) and Anna Sofia.

DAVIES, C. Joy (Casey, 1936) died August 22, 2006 at the age of 87 years. She was the only child of the late Joseph Patrick and Elizabeth (North) Casey. Joy was born and educated in Ottawa. She was employed for a number of years as a clerk with the Federal Government in Ottawa. Married in 1945 in Ottawa to Henry T. (Eric) Davies. In 1946, Joy and Eric moved to Fredericton, NB. She is survived by her husband of 61 years and her children Jill & Geoffrey.

EWING, Katherine Mary (Woodruff, 1938) died on January 16, 2007 in Kingston at the age of 87. Beloved wife of Kenneth Ewing and dear sister of Ruth and Frank. Predeceased by her brother John.

GRAY, Ronald (1954) died on November 4, 2006 at the age of 66. He is predeceased by his brother Alex (Korea, 1953). Dear brother of Thelma, Marjorie, Ruth and Barbara.

HAMILTON, Nicholas A. (1994) died on May 9, 2007 at the age of 32 in Hiroshima, Japan. Treasured son of Carol and Ronald, brother of Ben. He was living his dream as a teacher of English language abroad.

HILL, Donald A. (1946) passed away on July 25, 2006.

LEES, Allison (1997) died on February 11, 2007 at the age of 28. Loving daughter of David and Lee Ann, sister of JD.

LIEFF, Honourable Abraham H. (1921) died on February 12, 2007, exactly three weeks before his 104th birthday. Dearly beloved husband of the late Sadie Lazarovitz. Cherished father of Miriam and Lois. Dear brother of Bess, Joe and Evelyn, Dorothy, the late Louis, Hy, and Morris. Abraham served as Justice of the Ontario Supreme Court (now Superior Court). [Editor's note: see also p. 4]

NEWTON SHINDER, Maureen (Gershon, 1949) passed away on August 30, 2005. Loving wife of Israel Shinder and the late Dennis Newton. Cherished big sister of Sam and Roslyn Gershon and Sydney and Gerri Gershon. Beloved mother of Lynne, Wendy and Gary.

REID, Norma (Olsen) died February 27, 2007 at the age of 81. She will be sadly missed by her five children, Trudy, Kathy, Carol, Terry, Wendy and 13 grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband of 43 years, Charles F. Reid.

ROLL, D. Stewart (1945) passed away on April 21, 2007 at the age of 80. He was a career pharmacist. He is survived by his wife Norma, one daughter and three sons.

WILSON, H. Grant "Bus" (1946) died on February 2, 2007 in his 81st year. Beloved husband of Janet (nee Maclean) and father of Jim and Pat. Dear grandfather of three. Predeceased by brother Jack and survived by brother Bob.

Mail has been returned to the Alumni Office marked "deceased" from the following Alumni:

BOUCHER, Frank (1936)

HOWELL, Norma (Walford, 1951)

LECOURS, Edna (Cooper, 1934) ■

2006 issue about returning to Lisgar: You brought great joy to this youngster about your visit to Lisgar. Yes, if it wasn't for Louie Meng, and the war, most of us would still be in

fifth form. That was a memorable day, singing along with Gracie Fields; let's have a reunion for all those that are still kicking—at the bar in the Chateau, or in front of the Union

Station, or at least at Lisgar and you two can drive to the Chateau on that same day in April, when we left for Toronto. It would give me real joy to see you guys again. I await your reply with thanks. fmetrick@elte.com.

Eileen Galazka (Chequer, 1941) writes that she was delighted to read in the latest edition of Alere Flammam how much the orchestra and string ensemble have progressed: Unfortunately when I played 1st violin, it was during the Second World War and most of our boys never came back. Thank goodness these youngsters have a chance at a great future.

Milton Shaffer (1936) wrote a lovely letter of resignation from the Lisgar Alumni Association Executive, on which he has served for over 25 years: I miss so many of the talented old board members—Doug Arrand, Margaret Pippy, Gerry Diamond—who went too soon. I'm so happy all you recruits have filled in. I'm sure you'll continue to carry the torch. So long, au revoir, hasta lavista, ciao, shalom & enjoy the journey!

Rosemary Gosselin (Heenan, 1955) writes from Thornbury, Ontario: I have so many fond memories of Lisgar... Miss Meech, who taught us Ancient Greek as well as Ancient History, warmed me up for the work I do now. And Walter "Wally" Mann, with his enthusiasm for language, inspired my first career as a journalist.

Diane Morgan sent a donation in memory of her Aunt Betty Burgess and friend Adel Gazal. The donation was sent on behalf of the Morgan-Sears family: Helen Burgess Morgan (Betty's sister), Diane Morgan (niece), and Susan Morgan Sears (niece) and her husband Alan Sears. Diane and Susan all attended Lisgar and were happy to contribute to the scholarship fund.

Rob Haslett (1993) and wife Sue Cassone are proud to announce the birth of their first child, William

Domenic, who was born on November 4th, 2006 in Ottawa. All are enjoying their time together and doing well!

Peter (Pietro) Maviglia (1967) e-mailed in reference to the letter from Paula Pick (1966), in which she mentions the sad passing of Miss Gemmill: She erred in calling her Mrs. Gemmill. She was never married. I had the privilege of having Miss Gemmill as my Latin teacher in grades 9 & 11 and sometimes I used to walk her home, as she lived only two blocks from the school. I am very sorry to hear that she passed away; she was a great old gal, and Latin has always been a great interest to me as I am Italian, which is one of its off-springs.

Joe Scanlon (1951) e-mailed from Ottawa: The Chance's recollection of the shooting gallery brought back memories. I don't remember what year I was in but I do recall one day at lunch Mr. Meng asked Wally Rowsome and me and a third person whose name I can't recall if we would like to shoot. We said yes, do; he used to take us up to the shooting gallery during the lunch hour. A bonus, of course, was when you went to get the targets you could look down through a skylight into the girl's gym. None of us were in the cadet corps or anything like that and I don't recall us ever asking Mr. Meng why he selected us. I was never in any of his classes so it wasn't because he was teaching us.

I am one of many three-generation families associated with Lisgar. My mother came in from Almonte to finish fifth form in 1919. My sister Kathleen attended Lisgar during the early part of World War II. I attended from 1946 to 1951. I was followed by two daughters, Leslie and Meaghan. Leslie started at Glebe but transferred to Lisgar because she wanted more of an academic challenge. Meaghan came to Lisgar because of the French program. Leslie is now a Foreign Service Officer. Meaghan has completed a graduate degree in English at Carleton and is waiting to see if she will be admitted to the Graduate pro-

gram for Archivists at UBC.

I just finished attending the 50th anniversary reunion of my graduating class in Public Admin at Carleton. Among those present were Ron Hobson and John Redfern. Ron and I were at Lisgar together, later at Carleton, and traveled to Europe together in 1956. John took two years of Engineering at Carleton (all that was available at the time) then went on elsewhere, later became Chairman of the Board at Carleton. His brother Peter was in my year at Lisgar.

Muriel Hornell (Inkster, 1937) wrote a note along with her dues: I attended Lisgar for first and second form and at 85 years of age I am not good at sending my dues in. I appreciate the work of all the volunteers and commend them all. I have enjoyed reading about the Alumni.

Larry Peters (retired teacher) has made a donation to LEAF (Lisgar Environmental Action Force) so that they may purchase hostas and associated planting materials to help beautify the Lisgar Mall.

Mika Kosaki (1994) e-mailed with an update: Greetings from Tokyo, Japan! Since helping with the 160th Anniversary in 2003, I pretty much dropped off the LCI radar, but I thought I'd share some developments. On July 29, 2006, Luke Oldham (1994) and I were married by Father James Beall (former English Lisgar teacher). Many former Lisgarites attended, including Kathryn Camfield (1994), Darcy Demarsico (1993), and Chris Rootham (1994).

Kyla Weinman (2006) is attending Mount Allison University in New Brunswick and has been awarded the Bell Scholarship. This entrance award is one of the most prestigious at the University and recognizes students who not only have stellar academic records but also exude leadership potential and good citizenship. Kyla is enrolled in the Arts program, taking courses in political science, sociology, and internation-

al studies. She says, "I eventually hope to work overseas with a grass-roots organization, focusing on human rights and empowerment of youth." Kyla has been involved with several international organizations including Free the Children, Music for a Cure, and Leaders Today. She has traveled extensively as a result of this work and has visited Ecuador, Thailand, and India. ■

From the Secretary

From Elizabeth Hale

Once again, thank you to everyone who has taken the time to send me a short note along with their memberships. It has been great reading about your Lisgar memories. Please keep them coming! Just a reminder that the alumni office is staffed by volunteers—all of whom have full-time jobs elsewhere—so if your letter or voicemail is not answered immediately, please be patient. On a similar note, the Alumni telephone was down for the first part of May due to an administrative change at the school board. We have since re-established our phone line so if you tried to get through and couldn't, please try again (613 239-2478).

Many alumni are discovering different ways to keep in touch that reach beyond this newsletter. There are several Lisgar groups popping up on Facebook (www.facebook.com), an on-line interactive social network. Other social networking websites such as Classmates.com and Reunion.com are also great ways to keep in touch in this electronic age. The website of the Alumni Association (www.lisgar.net) also features a discussion forum where alumni can read and post comments on a variety of topics relating to Lisgar. Of course, the Alumni office is also accessible via e-mail at alumni@lisgar.net.

Finally, I'd like to say a big thank you to Yvonne Seiers for her assistance with the financial aspects of the Lisgar Alumni membership. I wish her all the best as she moves to another challenge in her career. ■

Milton Shaffer (continued)

ing industry for a good dozen years afterwards.

Around the time of Lisgar's 140th in 1984, he was asked by his friend and fellow student Gerry Diamond, who was at that time the treasurer of the Lisgar Alumni Association, if he would like to become involved with the Association. Shaffer accepted and the rest, as they say, is history.

In recalling his time on the executive, Shaffer is quick to heap praise on his fellow board members. He reserves a special place in his memory for



WISTFUL MEMORIES: Milton Shaffer is retiring.

Margaret Pippy and Doug Arrand, two long-serving members of the

Association. "Doug Arrand was the tower of strength of the Alumni Association," he recalls. "And Margaret Pippy—well, nothing would have ever gotten done without her!"

As he looks back over the past 75 years to when he first entered Lisgar's hallowed halls, Shaffer has an air of bittersweet elation. While nostalgic for the olden days when students dressed properly, treated their elders with respect, and weren't reliant on technology to get them through their everyday lives, he grudgingly realizes those days have, for the most part, disappeared. Instead of looking back and becoming

miserable, Shaffer prefers to look forward to what the youth of today and tomorrow will bring to the world.

"I remember what a former Lisgar valedictorian once said," he says, adding he has forgotten the young woman's name. "She said—and these words have always stuck with me—'We have to stop living in a tent. We have to look outside of the tent. We have to look at what is happening in the world, in places like India, Indonesia, and Africa. We may not be able to toss around a billion dollars like Bill Gates, but we can try to do whatever we can do.'" ■

Let Students Transfer

An editorial from the Ottawa Citizen (February 21, 2007)

The annual game of *Survivor* on the lawn of Lisgar Collegiate is less intense this year, now that the downtown high school is letting parents apply online to send their children there. Lisgar is reputedly the best academic high school in the Ottawa-

Carleton District School Board, so it's no wonder that so many parents fight for the 75 to 100 transfer spaces available most years.

Technically, sending a student across the board's school boundaries requires a case for why he or she should be allowed to go, but in practice, Lisgar allows most transfers on a first-come-first-served basis. So every winter, parents wait day and night to be among the first in line.

If parents and students are beating down Lisgar's doors, the school board

needs to expand the school's capacity and find ways to replicate its successes in other high schools. Some of Lisgar's success must be thanks to its prosperous surroundings, but high standards and ambitious programs help a lot.

Nothing will accelerate that process like making it easier for students to leave underperforming schools. Parents still had their online applications time-stamped, but at least nobody's catching pneumonia. Getting the best in public education shouldn't require a feat of endurance. ■

Abraham Lief

1903-2007

The Lisgar community lost one of its oldest and most respected members this past winter, as Abraham Lief died three weeks shy of his 104th birthday.

Born in Antopal, in what was then Poland, Lief immigrated with his mother to Canada at the age of one, joining his father, a Hebrew teacher, in Ottawa. After graduating from Lisgar, Lief attended Osgoode Hall Law School at York University. He was called to the bar in 1926, eventually rising to become one of Canada's foremost specialists in family law, particularly the then-hot button topic of divorce. In 1963 he was appointed a Justice of the Supreme Court of Ontario, the first Jewish judge to so be named. It was a position he would hold until 1978, when he retired. He continued to serve as commissioner of the Supreme Court of Ontario until 1990.

Lief was not only a major player in the Ontario legal system, he was also one of the nation's foremost Jewish activists. In 1948 he led a movement to establish Ottawa's Agudath Israel Synagogue, and he served as its president until his move to Toronto in 1963. He served as president of the Jewish Federation of Ottawa from 1954-56, and incorporated the Canada-Israel Foundation in 1965. ■



LISGARVILLE: Eager parents have in the past turned the school's soccer field into a small tent city when cross-boundary transfer spots became available.

Nominations for Lisgar Sports “Wall of Fame”

Those who attended the Alumni Assembly at the 160th Reunion will recall the proud and emotional ceremony as we inducted the first ten members of our Sports Wall of Fame. Representing decades from the 30s through the 90s, these outstanding Lisgarites had brought honour to themselves and the school in their contributions to amateur and professional sport locally, in Canada and throughout the world. They included:

- Joe Zelicovitz (1934), a multisport athlete who went on to a professional football career with the Ottawa Roughriders;
- Bruce Kirby (1948), three-time Olympian (sailing), famed boat designer, and creator of the Laser class of sailboat;
- Donald Jackson (1957), Olympic medallist and World Champion (figure skating);
- Anne Heggveit (1957), Olympic Gold medallist (slalom skiing);
- Linda Thom (1958), Olympic Gold medallist (shooting);
- Paul Paddon (1965), winner of the Hec Crichton trophy as Canada’s outstanding university football player with the Ottawa U GeeGees;
- Joan Fisher (1967), champion sprinter and Olympian;
- Hugh Fraser (1970), international sprinter, Olympian and contributor to the legal areas of sport;
- Pat Stocqua (1976), outstanding university athlete in both basketball and football, and six-year Ottawa Roughrider; and
- Petra Cada (1996), international competitor and two-time Olympian (table tennis).

In saluting these great individuals, the Alumni Association expressed the intention that this was only the beginning and invited nominations of other worthy candidates.

We now feel the time has come to begin the process of adding a further group of Lisgarites to the Wall of Fame. These individuals will be honoured at a ceremony at Lisgar, and permanent plaques outlining their

achievements will be affixed, alongside those of the existing Wall of Fame members, in the gymnasium building, where hopefully they may inspire future generations of Lisgar athletes.

While some names have already been submitted, we would ask the help of all alumni in identifying possible nominees. Nominations can include any aspect of the world of sport and any era of the school’s history; the nominee must have attended Lisgar but, as with any of our alumni, need not have been a graduate. The nomination could simply give the athlete’s name, but any additional information, documents, clippings, etc. would be most welcome, as each



GO FOR THE GOLD: Many of the athletes on Lisgar’s Wall of Fame have participated in the Olympics.

nomination must be thoroughly researched and adjudicated. Nominations for this planned induction will be accepted up to December 31, 2007, but we would ask that they be submitted as early as possible. The names of any individuals not

selected for this induction will be held for possible consideration in future inductions.

Nominations can be sent by email to alumni@lisgar.net, or in writing to Lisgar Alumni Association, 29 Lisgar Street, Ottawa ON K2P 0B9. ■

Notes from Down Below

From Joy Heft

The Lisgar alumni office has been the site of some interesting research in recent months. Patricia Demers, President of the Royal Society of Canada, sought information about George Ellis, Lisgar teacher from 1921 to 1938. Ms. Demers is editing a manuscript detailing the journey by steamer from Edmonton to Aklavik in the summer of 1922 by Miriam Green Ellis, a pioneering newspaper woman and the first female agricultural reporter in Western Canada, who had been married to Mr. Ellis. Dave Brown of the *Ottawa Citizen* also accessed the archives regarding Irving Greenberg, a former Lisgar student and founder of Minto Construction. Mr. Brown is writing a biography of Mr. Greenberg, whose name will appear on the new Great Canadian Theatre Company Playhouse. Another request came from Jason Ridler of RMC, who is writing a biography about Dr. Omond Solandt, a distinguished Canadian scientist and science leader whose mother, Edith Young, had graduated from Lisgar around the turn of the 20th century and subsequently from Queen’s University. While there was no information about Edith Young,

through a happy coincidence the archivist knows Dr. Solandt’s family as well as a close friend of Dr. Solandt, all of whom agreed to be contacted for further information. Finally, David Gardiner, who is writing a book of fiction situated in Ottawa between ca. 1904 and 1922, has accessed our yearbooks seeking authentic information regarding the culture and styles of the day. Stay tuned...

A number of plaques have had updates in recent months. In the Memorial Hall, a plate was added to the WWII plaque for Stewart F.D. Bruce and another to the Korean War plaque for Peter Chance. In addition, the plate of Keith Murphy, which had disappeared, has been replaced. On the Benefactor plaque, a new plate has been added for ZEMKON Inc.

There have been no further donations of the requested copies of *Vox* since the last newsletter. We are still looking for the following years: 1911, 1914 (spring and fall), 1922, 1924, 1959, and 1960. As well, Peter Stark, who designed the cover of the 1967 yearbook, is still hoping to purchase a copy. Anyone? Ironically, due to space limitations, we are unable to receive *Vox* for years other than those mentioned, and will have to start “culling”

our stock of surplus copies. If you are interested in a particular year, get in touch.

Regarding the purchase of the documentary *Freedom’s Fury*, which was reviewed in the last newsletter, it has apparently not yet been released for sale. For continuing information one may visit www.freedomsfury.com.

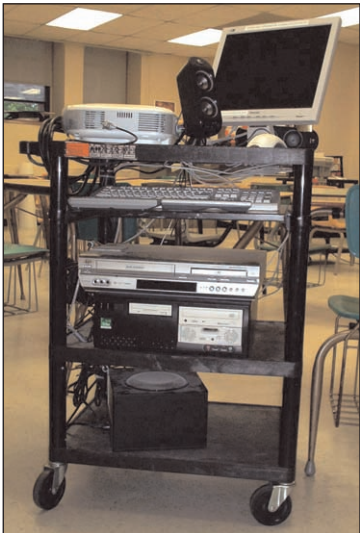
What we have been calling the “Mystery Pin” (pictured here) has been received by David Yorke of Burnaby, B.C., who collects similar items from trade unions. This pin turned up in West Vancouver and Mr. Yorke, who was unable to find any other Lisgar secondary school in his on-line search, kindly sent it to us. He was unable to understand the significance of the “85” and the “64.” Neither are we. Are you able to help? ■



PLEASE HELP: Mystery pin has archivist baffled.

New Media Cart Thanks to Lisgar Alumni

In late 2006, the Lisgar Alumni Association put out a call to staff and students for any funding requests, with a deadline of early 2007. Meeting our objectives of benefiting the maximum number of students and leaving a lasting legacy on behalf of the Alumni, the winning request was submitted by the Art and Science departments. Their request for a media cart to be used for video, DVD, PowerPoint and other types of presentations by staff and students was exactly the kind of donation that would make a real impact on the quality of resources available. The one existing media cart was always fully booked, and a second one would mean that students would be able to give presentations and summative projects, and it could also be used at lunch time by clubs and guest speakers. With a financial contribution of just over \$2,000 from the Alumni Association, this cart and equipment was purchased in April 2007. We have received a lovely letter of thanks from the head of the Science Department, Susan Hewitt, on behalf of the students and staff. Thanks to the generous donations of the Lisgar Alumni, we are able to make these types of purchases. We will be asking for funding requests again in the fall of 2007 for future projects. ■



TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES: New media cart.

Yvonne Seiers to be Head of Guidance at Adult High

Well known and highly respected for her professionalism and unstinting work ethic, Yvonne Seiers is leaving Lisgar to assume an appointment as Head of Guidance and Cooperative Education at the Adult High School, beginning in the fall of 2007. Yvonne joined the Lisgar staff in 1992 and served as head of Guidance for many years. In 2002, she took a two-year leave of absence from the Board during which she was head of Guidance at Elmwood private school in Rockcliffe. Since her return to Lisgar in 2005, Yvonne has taught Business subjects and Civics as well as being responsible, this year, for the Co-op program, a duty she had also performed prior to her earlier departure.

During her years at Lisgar, Yvonne's main extra-curricular involvement has been as teacher advisor to the *Vox*, an activity to which she devoted many hours in her characteristic conscientious manner. As well, she has facilitated commencement proceedings by ensuring that graduates were indeed ready to graduate,

poring over records to verify that credits and volunteer hours met the criteria required. The Lisgar Alumni Association is grateful to have benefited from Yvonne's meticulous efforts on their behalf over the last few years, preparing receipts and keeping records of Lisgar Fund donors. Yvonne's contribution to the school in both her professional and volunteer capacities has been significant. We know she will continue in this tradition at her new place of work and wish her success and happiness as we say a reluctant "goodbye." ■



"SEIER" LATER: New role at Adult High School.

Lisgar in Europe (continued)

friendly and welcoming towards their Canadian guests.

Highlights of the trip included visiting Neuschwanstein Castle and attending a performance by the Vienna Radio Symphony Orchestra at the famous Musikverein concert hall. Students especially enjoyed a tour of the Hallein salt mine near Salzburg. This mine, and others like it, give Salzburg its name, which means "salt castle."

German and Austrian food was an adventure in itself, as students got to discover such dishes as schnitzel, royal soup, sausages, apple strudel, and gigantic pretzels. Shopping was expensive and extravagant, but the students enjoyed the great range of choices and many euros were joyfully spent. Each night, the students were entertained by local musical groups,

including a choir, a harpsichord trio, and a string quartet. The weather on the trip was also a plus—an average of 16 degrees Celsius in March!

All in all, the trip was a rewarding and educational experience and it continued the fine tradition of Lisgar music trips. ■

Here and There

Joan Finnigan Writes Again

Our most prolific writer, Joan Finnigan (1944), has just published her 31st book, entitled "Looking for a Turnout, Poems New and Revisited." Finnigan is an award-winning historian of the Ottawa Valley with 65 years of published works.

Reach for the Top

Lisgar's "Reach for the Top" team returned from Chicago May 28th. They finished 18th out of 160 teams in the

Life Members

We are delighted to report that 32 alumni have become Life Members since the Fall 2006 issue of *Alere Flamman*. They are:

- William H. Blackburn (1959)
- Charles Bostock (1959)
- Hewitt H. Bostock (1950)
- Candice Callender (1999)
- Martha Campbell (Lewis, 1959)
- Roberta Campbell (Blisner, 1959)
- Janus Cihlar (1999)
- Chris Clement (1987)
- Saye Clement (Kawasaki, 1987)
- Emily Corthay (Thorn, 1998)
- Graeme Elliott (1947)
- Raymond Gagne (1972)
- Zoe Gavsie (Davies, 1992)
- Rosemary Gosselin (Heenan, 1955)
- Phyllis Hier (Raichman, 1957)
- Jennifer Holtzman (1998)
- Zoe Horn (2001)
- A. George Johnstone (1969)
- Helene Kruidenier (parent)
- Susan R. Logan (1970)
- Doug Macdonald (1963)
- Thomas Nemeskeri (1999)
- Lilyan Philipp (Tavel, 1952)
- Margaret E. Pippy (Lugsdin, 1952)
- Miriam Price (Rainboth, 1951)
- Joan Simpson (Winters, 1945)
- Lenka Stone (1996)
- J.E. Sutherland
- Ed Turner (1960)
- Wistara Van Snellenberg (1997)
- Don Whillans (1946)
- Michael Wilson (1993)

preliminary rounds, losing only three games—and those by relatively narrow margins. Jamie Cooper was the highest scoring senior player in the whole tournament—a phenomenal achievement, particularly given the weighting on American content.

Lisgar Takes Cappies

Lisgar's production of Arthur Miller's *The Crucible* won best play at the Cappies, Ottawa's high school theatre awards. The school's students also won two other awards at the event: best lighting and best makeup. ■