



# Winter Newsletter

## St Catharines Collegiate Alumni

### Brief History

The purpose of the C.I. Alumni and Friends liason rep is to advise the Alumni of school happenings , and most importantly, to collect all correspondence to the group, including faculty requests for funding for individuals, groups, or school projects.

The group assesses all staff requests for project funding and allocates funds accordingly. Since 1999, when the association was formed from the previous year's 75th reunion, the Alumni has given away over \$80,000 to help out school projects.

The funds have been raised from garage sales, car washes and, most significantly our annual dinner boat cruise on the Empire Sandy each August.

Unfortunately we have had to discontinue this endeavour, and we are in the process of finding new methods to raise funds. Some of our principal projects have included the school's breakfast/lunch program known as the Cupboard. We have funded this program generously over the last four (4) years.

In addition we have helped with many team and individual athletic programs assisting them with training and travel expenses.

We have supported the Standard Basketball tournament with sponsorships over the years.

Our very successful Robotics team has placed near the top in North American competitions.

The Alumni also helped to fund the very colourful art mosaic at the back of the main hall. An excellent project achieved under the guidance of Art teacher, Perry Wakulich.

We have also provided, through the Guidance department , two annual bursaries to two students pursuing higher education who are in need of financial assistance.

Our contribution to the new score clock in our great gym has resulted in the renaming of the gym to Alumni Hall'

There are far too many projects to list here but these are just a few.

The Alumni & Friends Association maintains a donor's plaque just in side the front door. It's name represent all Alumni & Friends who have made a contribution of \$100 or more to the association We would like to see even more graduates from past years get involved in our activities.

*Dean Douglas, C.I. Alumni school liason rep.*

### President's Remarks

As we begin another year, the Collegiate Alumni and Friends Association is able to reflect on the accomplishments of our group in a positive and rewarding light. Through the concerted efforts of a small group of dedicated and industrious executive and committee members, we have been able to address and promote our mandate of "providing assistance to the staff and students of the Collegiate to ensure that the traditions of the Collegiate are maintained and indeed used as a base for further growth and development".

The school, under the capable leadership of principal Tracy Sacco and her staff have continued to provide quality academic, artistic and athletic programmes for CI students. New and innovative programmes have been added and the physical plant has been re-structured to include the addition of Queen Mary elementary school in our facility.

I would personally like to thank those Alumni members who continue to regularly attend our monthly meetings and support our projects. Without such quality individuals, the association would not continue to thrive and prosper. I look forward to continued support from this group and encourage other association members to join us at our monthly meetings scheduled for the last Monday of the month in the library alumni conference room at 7:00 pm.

Let the tradition continue!  
*Larry Miller*

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# Recent Events

## Standard Basketball 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The Standard High School Basketball Tournament is proudly celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. The tournament organizers are dedicated to making this year's tournament a very special one in recognition of the long and storied history of the tournament. In addition to the games, special events are planned culminating in the final games to be held on December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

The Collegiate has established a long and successful tradition with this prestigious tournament. After the first final in 1963 at Ridley College, the Collegiate gymnasium, which has been recently been named Alumni Hall in honour of the Alumni Association, has been the host venue for the final games for the majority of the 49 finals to date. Saints teams have garnered 10 championships and numerous final night appearances over the 6 decades of the tournament. The Alumni Association contributed to the purchase of a new scoreboard in the gym and is recognized on the scoreboard. The Alumni Association, in partnership with the school, has donated funds to this year's tournament as a Gold Sponsor. A CI student-athlete will be the recipient of one of the 16 one thousand dollar bursaries to be awarded to a player from each participating team. Best of luck to the Senior Saints as they participate in this memorable event.

## Alumni Fundraising Success

I cannot express enough just how important it is that the Alumni receive financial donations. Without your support we would not be able to financially support the needs of the students, the staff and the school. The Alumni mandate is "To provide assistance, where ever possible, to Collegiate students and staff to ensure that the traditions of the Collegiate are maintained and indeed used as a base for further development".

In the past the Alumni has received donations and for that we are eternally thankful. To help with funding the Alumni has conducted some events that have provided us with some money. Unfortunately our best event the boat cruise that raised us \$ 3,000 yearly is no longer available to us.

In May of 2010 we held an Elvis Tribute show at the Collegiate and it did not raise the funds that we were expecting. For 2012 we are looking at bringing in Ron Sexsmith to do a show.

We will continue to do what we can to raise money. Your kind donation will definitely help us "LET THE TRADITION CONTINUE".

Please see our Alumni and Friends Membership Registration Form to make your donation.

Thanking you in advance.

Sincerely,

*John Pula.*  
*Alumni Vice President.*



## **When's the Upcoming 90<sup>th</sup> Reunion?**

Well, that's a good question. The Alumni Committee is now hoping to have the next Reunion in 2013 to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the school. In the mean time we hope to plan events that will give you an opportunity to connect with other Collegiate Alumni. Visit this site often to keep informed or register on this site and we will email you all the information as it becomes available.

## Recently in the News...

Collegiate's own ROBOSAINTS compete in the VEX Robotics Championships. This crew of dedicated students has built a program currently ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in a field of 5000 competitors from around the World!

## Treasurer's Report

October 24, 2011

Since 1999 you have helped:

Raise almost.....	\$100,000.
Make awards of over.....	\$80,000.
We currently have cash and investments of over.....	\$15,000.

*Barney Leach, Treasurer*

## E-mail

To keep operating costs to a minimum, We prefer to send out newsletters by e-mail. If you have received this via Canada Post and have an e-mail account, please inform Bill at: [William.Huizer@dsvn.org](mailto:William.Huizer@dsvn.org). We do not share contact information with anyone.

## Update

With the passing of long time Membership Chair Sherry (MacMicking) Dorling and the retirement of Bonnie Caruso (our main „in school“ help), we have fallen behind in getting out a newsletter. We have now regrouped with the help of some new volunteers, including teachers Iwan Jugley and Bill Huizer who has assumed the position of Membership Chair. Bill's contact information is at the foot of the membership form included with this newsletter.

# St Catharines Collegiate Institute and Vocational School Alumni Fund

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Our mandate is to help the school, in general, and students specifically ( individually or in groups ).

By joining with us, you can become a part of our support team.

Please take a moment to fill in the information below. If you can contribute some time, we meet on the LAST MONDAY of each month during the school year at 7pm in the school library, Alumni Room (at the back).

Tax deductible receipts are issued for amounts in excess of \$10.

You may direct your donation to a specific use within the above stated mandate.

No special skills are required, just the willingness to help the students.

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Alumni – Final Year \_\_\_\_\_ Staff \_\_\_\_\_ Friend \_\_\_\_\_

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Check here if you do not wish to receive alumni updates -

Membership Dues (annual) \$ 10.00

Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total (Payable to St.C.C.I. & V.S. Alumni Fund) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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