



South Collegiate Alumni Association Fall 2013



LIONS' PRIDE

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South's 85th ... A Weekend to Remember!

It's hard to believe that five months have passed since the 85th Reunion weekend – a short enough time that our memories are hopefully all still vivid, but long enough that we can enjoy reminiscing a little. While the attendance numbers were not as high as expected, the feedback that we received from participants was incredibly positive. So to all of you who had a great time and took the time to tell us about it, thank you. And to those who didn't or couldn't make it, we're sorry that you missed such a wonderful weekend.

I'm sure that everyone involved, either as an organizer or as a participant, has his or her own special memories. As a member of the Reunion Committee, my most demanding but also most rewarding task was creating the **Neighbourhood Walk** booklet, *Prowl the Pride*. Hopefully those in attendance found it to be an interesting keepsake. The compliments I received certainly made me feel the project was worthwhile.

Another special memory involves a group that I came to refer to as "**South's Super Seniors**". Using the alumni database, I put together a list of 29 names—senior alumni still living in London who graduated between 1929 and 1940. Of course some of the contact information was out of date, but I was able to contact about half of these alumni. Each was invited to the **Opening Ceremony** as a special guest. While health issues prevented a number from attending, I had the pleasure of introducing six of our "Super Seniors" (See photos page 3), as well as two grads from 1941.

One of those special seniors was **Ruth (Keene) Insole ('39)**, who shared some of her thoughts and memories with an appreciative audience.

Two of our oldest living alumnae –



OUR ADMINISTRATIVE HERITAGE: SOUTH'S PRINCIPALS

L to R: Bill Cox (1983-89), John Thorpe (1989-93), Howard Capes (1970-77), Dave Nathan (1993-97), Paul Mennill (1986-89), Barb Sonier (2002-08), Linda Crossley (1997-01), Larry Schneider (2008-11) Catherine Davidson (current principal) & Bob Mann (1965-73).

Velma (Wadsworth) Howie ('29) and **Lavern (Shafer) Cooper ('32)**, age 103 and 98, respectively, were unable to attend, but I visited Velma at Grand Wood (See article on page 8). Although I didn't have the pleasure of speaking with Lavern, family friend, **Bente Rowe ('77)**, described her as "*smart as a whip, very bright and very articulate*". Last spring she was on a cruise on the Panama Canal and "*went swimming with dolphins!!*"

Connie (Woods) Weir ('66)

DECADE SHOWS

During Reunion Weekend, South's talented grade 11 and 12 Drama students performed their original Decade Vignettes. Not only did they conduct extensive research for their assigned decade,

which included personal interviews with alumni, but they also wrote, directed, and designed the creative production elements of their vignettes. To say that I was a proud Drama teacher would be a complete understatement. It was a long and sometimes challenging process, but the outcome made it well worth it for everyone involved. It was a joy to see the smiles on the faces of prior students and teachers as they reminisced while watching the decade shows.

We couldn't have done it without the assistance of many SCAA members, including **Pete Telford (staff, 1978-98)** and **Dennis Johns (staff, 1992-2007)**.

Jill Taylor

Drama & Family Studies Teacher

(More Reunion feedback on the following pages)

RETURN TO CLASS: *Teaching Revisited...*

In a weak moment - I suspect it was at the Wortley Roadhouse - I agreed to teach a class at South's 85th. When I went to the school to find out if I could teach my class in the Portable that had been my home for so many years, I was told that I should speak to the teacher. Timing my visit for the end of class, I asked the young girl in the Portable if the teacher was coming back. Turns out she was the teacher! Asked if there was anything I needed for my class, I said I could use an overhead projector, to which she replied, "A what?"

On the day of the class, some forty former students crammed into the portable. There was one from my first year in 1969, and one from my last in 1992, and every year in between. One fellow brought an essay he had written in the 80's for me to re-grade; at least he had a cold beer as compensation.

The class seemed to go well. No one rioted or fell asleep (as far as I could tell). I had chosen to teach a poem by Alden Nowlan on growing old, a theme we either shared or could at least imagine. Then, after talking a little about the history of English teaching in Ontario, we shared memories of our times together.

The experience confirmed several things for me: that poetry can bring us together, that we as teachers were so lucky to have taught at South, and that, unless a bus is organized for the 100th to bring people to "the home", that was my swan song. And I could not have enjoyed it more.

Ian Underhill (staff, 1969-92)

REACH FOR THE TOP

A reunion highlight was a mini-Reach for the Top tournament. In the morning match, the 1985 team of **Mark Crowther**, **Pat Telford** and I won a close game against the 1983 team of **Kevin Fogarty** and **Ian Gillespie**, to advance to an afternoon pairing against some young pups from the 2000's. The 80's teams united for the afternoon match and went on to defeat the young upstarts by a solid margin before an appreciative crowd gathered in the Atrium. Particular kudos to Ian Gillespie for knowing everything there ever was to know about professional sports stadiums, and to Pat Telford for his sense of humour. (One question: "What is the speed of light in a vacuum?" Pat's straight-faced answer? "Damn fast."). All in all, it was a great way to see some old friends and share some laughs.

Lisa (Kowaltschuk) Noble ('85)

SATURDAY EVENING GALA

For me, the highlight of the reunion was the Saturday Evening Gala Dinner and Dance. Kudos to **Lynne Hevey ('74)** and her committee for organizing an outstanding event. In spite of smaller numbers than anticipated, everyone who attended had a great time. The large room at the London Convention Centre was set up to feel intimate and elegant. As we arrived, waiters circulated with hot hors d'oeuvre and this was followed by an excellent buffet dinner. Special entertainment was provided by the **South Alumni Stage Band** which played two very polished sets. Old school photos were flashed on the big screen, a visual presentation prepared by photographer, **Geoff McMurray ('80)**. Then the dancing began. Such fun!

Andrea (Fewster) Manias ('70) (staff, 1976-09)

REUNION BAR SERVICE

Planning for the reunion bars started about a year and a half before the event. Two totally different venues were decided upon: the outdoor ramp and a quieter 'lounge' in the cafeteria. All the planning in the world can't guarantee the outcome, however. The warm temperatures we expected at the end of May didn't happen and we had to make a quick decision to relocate the bar from the ramp to the gym. Despite a few logistical nightmares, everything worked out very well, based on our robust Friday and Saturday sales. And we all had a ball doing it! There were too many great volunteers to list here, but three people in particular need to be applauded for their efforts:

Lynne Hevey ('74), Ken Ramer ('70), and Bev Baines (staff).

To you, and all the other bar service and committee volunteers, a big THANK YOU!

Knute Dohnberg ('65)

It was a nice change being on the other side of the bar - fun to be watching the antics as opposed to being involved in them. It was a great opportunity to meet so many people, to catch up with grads and to watch poor Knute lug more cases of '50' than I ever thought we'd need. It was a well organized event that ran effortlessly because of the forethought that went into planning it, as well as some excellent last minute problem solving.

**Beverly Baines,
Administrative Secretary, LSCI**

SOUTH ALUMNI STAGE BAND

Being unique is a rare distinction. That's how former South music teacher, **Bill Davies**, summed up the Alumni Stage Band he assembled to help celebrate the 85th Reunion last May. "*The likelihood of another school being able to form a group like ours is extremely rare,*" says Davies, who noted the band's membership spanned seven decades of South grads - from 1942 to 2013.

Those attending the gala on May 24 shared that sentiment, according to **Ron Webb ('56)**, a member of the band.

"*People were saying the band was the best part of the Saturday program.*" Trombone player, **Pete Martin ('77)**, added, "*It was a once in a lifetime experience that really made the reunion special.*"

Bill Culp ('66)



Back (L to R): Ian Currie ('72), Marty Verweel ('69), Bill Davies (staff, 1971-80), Bill Fleming ('62), Mike Tomlinson ('61), Pete Martin ('77), Dave Priest*, Bob Livingston ('42), Ken McLagan ('75) & Kaitlyn McLagan (2013)

Front (L to R): Sam Wendt (staff, 1982-95), Bill Culp ('66), Ron Webb ('56), Andy Chelchowski* & Ken Bonk ('85) Absent: Neil Harrington ('47)

* A. Chelchowski is a Tecumseh School teacher and D. Priest is an Old South resident.



Registration Chair, **Andrea (Fewster) Manias ('70)** (staff, 1976-09) with former principals, **John Thorpe & Dave Nathan**



Aileen (Lyon) Symington ('37) with daughter **Barbara Symington ('72)**



Bob Mann (Principal, 1965-73) & Kathryn (McLeod) Patton ('66)



Helen (McArthur) McLeod ('40) & Margaret (Patterson) Oram ('40)



Ruth (Keene) Insole (Class Rep, 1939)



Tom Hammond (Class Rep, 1938)



Barb (Insole) Murphy ('65) with Mother, **Ruth Insole ('39)**



Former Principal and South alumnus **Paul Mennill ('62)** (Principal, 1986-89)



Verna (Prior) Ewer ('37) with daughter **Terry (Ewer) Snedden ('65)**



Opening Ceremonies Chair, & former VP, **Todd Woolings ('89)** with Reunion Chair **Dan Knight ('07)**



OPENING CEREMONY

Memories of South's 85th Anniversary Celebration



1961 Classmates (L to R): Dianne (Champness) Pringle, Janet (Richardson) Jones, Sinclair Robinson, Margaret (McVicar) Highton & Sharon (Dutton) Ditcher

After living away from London for 32 years, I now have the good fortune to live on Gerrard Street, only half a block from South's front door. My return to London continues to churn up all sorts of memories, some of the best of which involve my years at South (1956-61). I have been delighted to see that the school that my mother, uncles, sister and I all attended has been lovingly cared for and continues to uphold its very high standards.

The May 24-26 weekend event was a splendid celebration of South's 85th Anniversary. At the **Friday Pub Night**, we toured decade rooms for the priceless old photos and news articles, as well as the serendipitous meetings with those we last saw at the 75th Anniversary or even 52 years ago!

Saturday morning featured the **Opening Ceremony**, a part of the weekend dear to my heart. Early South grads and teachers were honoured and spoke. Alumnus and former principal, **Paul Mennill**, talked with candour and affection about his years at South. My class of '61 friends and I plan to return for the 100th Anniversary. Watch for us then in the front row!!



Marion (Boa) Woodman (Staff, 1954-74)

I joined an ever-growing class to hear **Marion Woodman** answer our questions with honesty and humour. Her expressive hands and piercing blue eyes added emphasis to her stories about her memories of South and her "life after South". Many thanks to her (and to all the teachers who taught again that special day) and to **Pete Telford** for arranging a memorable "**Return to Class**".

The Convention Centre proved a lovely setting for **Saturday's Dinner/Dance**, with delicious food and a terrific band of former teachers and students who played music to please all ages. Again, conversations flowed easily with old and new friends, as we all recalled our days at South.

Sunday's All Faith Service was a last chance to get together. I was delighted by the inclusivity and the warmth of the gathering, and by the care and respect with which all participated.

The most difficult part of the weekend was the ending of it. Even though I live only half a block away from South's physical plant, the end of that celebration and the honouring of our days together was a moving time. I am so looking forward to attending the 100th Anniversary celebration...and look forward to seeing all of you there!

Warmest thanks go out to all the members of the Committee who thoughtfully and carefully planned this celebration, making it such a memorable time for all of us.

Janet (Richardson) Jones, Class of '61

50 YEARS SINCE GRADUATION... A 1963 ALUMNA TRAVELS FROM ENGLAND FOR REUNION

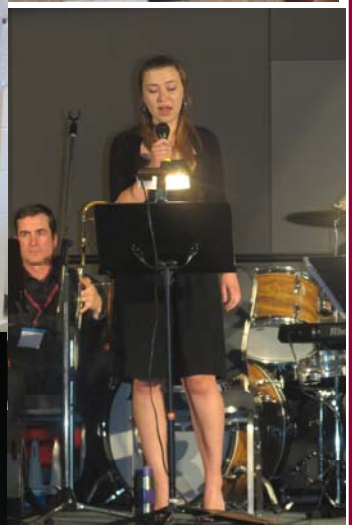
I want to congratulate the organizing committee on producing a fun, well put-together Reunion last May. Originally, I really had no intention of coming all the way from England for the Reunion, but a number of e-mails from brother **Knute (Dohnberg) ('65)**, a member of the organizing committee, and **Catherine Charlton** (who was organizing a special reunion for the class of 1963 – my year), gradually changed my mind. We were due for a visit to Canada anyway, and besides, my older brother **Bjorn ('61)** had also registered and the Dohnberg family's most recent South grad, Knute's son **Erik ('07)**, was coming as well. Decision made!

We happily partook at the Friday night pub social, participated in Saturday's innovative "Back to Class" format (where we had the pleasure of reconnecting with Marion Woodman), visited the "Decade Rooms", attended 'The 60's Show', and had a ball at the well organized Gala that evening at the London Convention Centre.

Sunday morning the whole Dohnberg clan went back for the Faith Service and to take one last family photo in front of the school beside the new 'lion' sign - which reminds me, I'm so glad to see that South has retaken its original name as a "Collegiate".

Lastly, I wanted to give a special thanks to Catherine Charlton for presenting me with a lovely jacket (fits perfectly), complete with a prominent LSCI crest, for apparently being the alumnus that travelled the furthest to the Reunion. I have come to love it and wear it often back here in England.

Margrit (Dohnberg) Salsbury, Class of '63
Oxten, Surrey, England





MAIL BOX...

Letters and e-mails from alumni



REUNION FEEDBACK... HIGH PRAISE FOR THE 85TH

I was very impressed with the level of organization, planning and execution of the reunion weekend. Please extend my congratulations to the rest of "the team" for an amazing job, done amazingly! I did indeed speak to a retired superintendent or two as well as flocks of ex-principals all of whom were astounded at the level of expertise at event planning. So, well done!

I also had a really good time with the overwhelming number of attendees at my "lesson". There were four times as many as I expected. I was actually expecting only one! Seriously, I thoroughly enjoyed myself and thanks for the chance to tell those old jokes one more time and remember that I can still convey some enthusiasm for the wonders of Western Literature and language.

Brian Kellow (Staff, 1991-2001)

MORE PRAISE...

We want to express congratulations and our thanks to all those responsible for creating, developing and orchestrating the hugely successful South Collegiate 85th Reunion. The cold, damp weather in London didn't have a chance to dampen our spirits. Here's why...

The Friday evening "**Meet & Greet**", along with the indoor "BQ", provided the space and time for all those stories that the large number of alumni came to tell. The **Decade Rooms** were artfully filled with plenty of memorabilia and a journal to sign so that you could see who had registered their names above yours.

The **Saturday Gala** entertained by the **South Alumni Stage Band** was definitely a highlight. If you ever get a chance to hear this hugely diversified group of musicians, don't miss it.

A very special treat was in every registration bag: **Prowl the Pride**, Neighbourhood Walk, a booklet created by Connie Weir, so artfully crafted that I'm sure you will need to return to London in order to walk the route in and around the school area.

Dr. Marion Boa Woodman was, and still is, an exceptional teacher. She shared her Jungian expertise with a couple of hundred alumni crammed into Room 206. Exciting!

Finally, the smorgasbord luncheon at the Delta, organized for the class of 1956, was for us the "coup de grace". See you again!

Betty Ann (Hill) Brown ('56)

Gay (Clarke) Chambers ('56)

Beth (Williams) Miller ('56)

SENIOR ALUMNAE DELIGHTED

Congratulations! My mother (**Helen McArthur McLeod, '40**) and her friend, (**Marg Patterson Oram '40**) were so very delighted with the Saturday morning they spent at South's Reunion. It was so thoughtful to acknowledge them at the opening ceremony. The remainder of the morning was enjoyed in their decade room looking at the photo memories.

Thank you for all your efforts to make the Reunion a success. I admire all the work and time put into the production of *Prowl the Pride*. Well Done!

Kathryn (McLeod) Patton ('66)

A GREAT AFTERNOON

This note is to thank and congratulate you and your committees of volunteers, both adults and students, for an excellent program. I signed the blackboard and registered in the '47 room (40's Decade Room). The students there treated us to cake, juices & chocolates. And I ran into several friends from my era. We had good catch-up visits from 66 years ago. My son and I toured the halls, gym, etc. How familiar it all was. We were going to stay and eat in the cafeteria, but the sandwiches hadn't arrived yet and we had to head back to Toronto. Short though it was, all in all it was a great afternoon, and again, heartfelt thanks to you and all involved in the program.

I do hope you might be able to arrange to hang a picture of the 1946 Junior Basketball team on athletic row. As chronicled in the 1946 *Oracle*, we went through the season and playoffs undefeated and were the first London team to win a WOSSA championship.

Warm regards

Gord Davidson ('47)



Editor's Note: Gord was recovering from a broken wrist at the time of the Reunion but was so determined to attend, even for a short time, that he got his son to take time off work to drive him from Toronto to London and back on Friday afternoon of the Reunion weekend. That's a loyal alumnus!

More Letters and e-mails...

GREAT MEMORIES

Thank you very much for sending the booklet (***Prowl the Pride***) on South Collegiate's 85th Reunion. It is amazing how you forget the distant past until something like that jogs your memory.

I was 22 years old when I was interviewed for a teaching and coaching job by Sam ("Tish") Graham. It was at one of those big "teacher auction" affairs in Toronto. I had two offers – South Collegiate and a school in northern Ontario – Kirkland Lake, I think. How lucky I was to go to London South – what great teachers and people! Ernie McTavish, Don Freeman, Jessie McFarlane, Dinny Dinsmore, Vernon Franks, Roy Allin, Wyn Hardy (Franks)... Great memories! Thanks again.

Paul Burd (Staff, 1947-57)

Editor's Note: Paul Burd now lives in Sydney, BC (near Victoria) and is 89 years old. We mailed a copy of *Prowl the Pride* to him at the request of his daughter.

Many thanks for organizing an absolutely wonderful 85th Reunion event. I thoroughly enjoyed attending - all the way from Victoria, BC.

Darrell Wells ('71)

NEWSLETTER TRIBUTE APPRECIATED

Thank you so much for the Newsletter. Have read it all and commend you again. The *In Memoriam* for Chuck is so appreciated and we are copying it to send to our son Scott and his family in Calgary. I know the effort it takes to put out such a publication but the final product is a testament to why your Alumni Association is so successful. I hope the reunion was a fantastic success.

Marty Dalton, wife of **Chuck Dalton ('46)**, who passed away last January

EXCELLENT NEWSLETTER

You do an amazing job on the newsletter! Love the layout and there is so much information! Excellent Job! I am not a South Alumna but I enjoy reading the history of our school and students! Thank you.

Valerie Rausch (South Secretary)

SOME '48 GRADS HAVE THEIR OWN MINI REUNION

I thought you might be interested in a picture of a group from the **Class of 1948**, who met for lunch at Highland Country Club on Saturday May 25. For grads who married someone who was not a graduate of South Collegiate, it is almost impossible to entice the spouse into attending large reunions at the school. I have tried to keep a current list for the class of 1948, but many of them move and/or change their e-mail address and it becomes difficult to maintain an up-to-date list. I did, however, keep contact with two other males from our class and arranged for them to have lunch on the Saturday of the reunion weekend. The males are **John Sutton**, who recently moved back to an apartment in London, from a farm he was running down near Newbury; **Bob MacArthur** who actually lives in London, **Don Patterson**, a doctor who now lives in Chatham, and myself, a longtime resident of London since marrying a girl I met at U of T. Our four sons all attended South before moving on to University, with three of the four now living in London and the fourth living in Lyon, France, after stints in Toronto, Tokyo and Bristol, England.

I trust the reunion weekend was a success and that the mention of "South Collegiate" in the somewhat recent news in connection with rebellious acts in Africa involving graduates from South Collegiate, did not become the main topic of "celebration". I look forward to hearing about the activities of the weekend in the next issue of LION'S PRIDE!

All the best

George Hayman ('48 Class Rep)



L to R: Del Sutton, Don Patterson, Bob McArthur, John Sutton, George Hayman & Helen Hayman enjoying a mini-reunion lunch at Highland GCC.

South Grad Celebrates 103rd Birthday!

by Connie (Woods) Weir ('66)

Yes, that's correct. **Velma (Wadsworth) Howie ('29)** turned 103 on Sept. 20th. Is she our oldest living alumna? I can't imagine that she isn't.

Last May, prior to the 85th Reunion, I went to see Velma at Grand Wood Park Retirement Residence. Although she now requires more nursing care than she did when she first moved into Grand Wood at age 99, we had a pleasant visit. With the help of her care giver and a photo album, I was able to put together a brief snapshot of her life.

The youngest of four children, Velma Pearl Wadsworth was usually referred to by family members as "Babe". She grew up on Briscoe St. and attended Wortley Road before arriving at South in Sept. 1924 (then located in the old Victoria School building).

Unfortunately, while Velma was still quite young, her mother became ill and her father was unable to look after her while working full time to support his family. In the 1920's, with none of today's child care options available, Velma lived in the home of a South teacher (Miss Knott) for a while. Imagine that happening in 2013...

Despite these family problems, Velma's time at South was apparently a happy one. When I asked her what her favourite subject was at school, she replied, "Everything!"

It was also at South where she met her future husband and lifelong soul mate: **Robert (Bob) Howie ('29)**. The only downside of her marriage to Bob appears to have been the fact that after their wedding in Sept. 1930, she had to leave her job at London Life, since in those days the company took the position that married women had husbands to support them and available jobs should therefore go to men and single women.

Like the true partners they were, Velma worked to support Bob while he studied to earn his BA at the University of Toronto, and then he did the same for her. After earning her BA, Velma was admitted to U of T's medical school, but had to withdraw because of health issues. After they retired they were very active with Western's Senior Alumni Program.

Bob passed away in 2004, but he and Velma enjoyed almost 75 years of married life together. During his working career, Bob's government job took them to live in a number of different places, including Toronto, Denver and Liverpool. Old South was never far from their hearts, however, and for over 30 years, they lived in an apartment at 25 Grand Ave. (just down the street from Grand Wood).

We thought Velma might be able to attend the 85th Opening Ceremony last May. That didn't happen, but it's still nice to know that when the trees are bare, she can still look out her window and see the school she graduated from 84 years ago.

An Interesting Side Note: In the late 1980's, Velma decided that she wanted to give her South ring to a deserving South student and contacted the school for suggestions. **Erin Carey ('91)**, a student in South's Academy program at the time was put forth as a worthy candidate. Following their meeting with Erin, Velma and her husband decided they wanted her to have the ring. From this simple act of generosity, a friendship grew, and Erin would often stop by to visit the Howies. Now living in Toronto, teaching high school and operating her own media production company, **ECarey Productions**, Erin still finds the time to visit Velma when she's back in London. *"Velma and Bob are always going to be an inspiration to me, to travel, to think I can do anything, to be independent.... One of the highlights of their lives were the trips they would take together on steamships, crossing the oceans of the world, making friends everywhere they went. My amazement as a teenager visiting them at lunches was that they had perfect recall and could remember details of incidents with friends, family, and all their adventures together.... My mom, Irene Carey, sees Velma often as her singing group the Young At Heart Singers (from the Boys and Girls Club) performs at Grand Wood often. They adopted me and we adopted them with that South ring."*



Our Archives in Demand

Western University student **Colleen Molloy** was pursuing a research investigation this past year for her graduate History degree, focused on the involvement of Students and Schools in the Second World War. It turned out that the Archives Collection at South (maintained by the Alumni Association and housed in a dedicated "Alumni Room" in the school) contains considerable material about the 1939-45 time period. Resources as varied as photos of students packaging gift boxes for soldiers overseas, student cadet corps, samples of Christmas cards which were mailed to South grads who were in the services, letters from men and women overseas back to the teachers at South, posters advertising paper drives, fund-raisers and war-bond sales at the school, were a treasure trove for this researcher.

The end result – a **Graduate Thesis, entitled "Finding their way into a world of citizenship"** (The Students and Schools of London, Ontario during the Second World War) – has now been placed in the History collection at Western. Colleen has left us a copy of this 65-page work, which we will keep on file in our archive collection.



IN LOCAL NEWS....

DON FLECKSER ('54), one of London's most well known and respected thespians, is directing that beloved Christmas classic, *A Christmas Carol* at the Palace Theatre this December. South alumnus, **David Bogaert** is playing the leading role – Ebenezer Scrooge. This adaptation, written by former Grand Theatre artistic director, Michael Shamata, has become a holiday favourite on stages across Canada. Don't miss it! Dec. 12th to 21st at the Palace. (www.palacetheatre.ca or 519-432-1029).

JOHN GERRY ('73) who directed the hugely successful production of *To Kill a Mockingbird* at the Palace Theatre last February, also directed London Community Players' season opener this September: *Metamorphoses*. It was, without question, a unique theatrical experience. The critically acclaimed play centres on the classical myths of Roman poet, Ovid, and takes place in and around a pool of water. The production, which Gerry described as "a massive undertaking", featured a pool 16' long, 10' wide and 16" deep, built into the Palace stage.

ANDREA KOZIOL ('88), a regular performer with **Jeans 'n Classics**, was in London for their first concert of the season at the London Convention Centre, featuring the music of Annie Lennox and the Eurythmics. Koziol, a Toronto-based performer, who can be heard on countless Canadian albums and has 5 solo CD's, is also a member of the all female vocal ensemble *Lushus*.

ANDREW McCLENAGHAN ('97), whose company, **Echidna Solutions Corp.** has been described as "a rising star in the high-tech sector" has received yet another honour: named to the city's first "20 Under 40" list. The new program recognizes industry leaders under the age of 40 who give back to their community. Andrew, along with the other nineteen award recipients will be profiled in the November issue of *Business London* magazine and will receive a \$6500 scholarship toward attending the Ivey Management Program, courtesy of Western's Business School.

Five South Alumni Celebrate 50 Years of Medicine

At Western's 2013 Homecoming (Sept. 27-29), five South alumni gathered with fellow classmates to celebrate their graduation from Western's Faculty of Medicine in 1963. This distinguished group of doctors includes **Dr Robert (Bob) Barr ('57)** (a well known London Hematologist who unfortunately passed away just three weeks after this reunion); **Dr. Anna (Rush) Luce ('57)**, a retired London physician; **Dr. Dora Ann Stinson ('57)**, a Halifax Pediatrician, specializing in Neonatology; **Dr. Carol Ann Reed ('57)**, an Orthopedic Surgeon in Toronto, with a special interest in foot reconstruction; and **Dr. Anne Fanning ('57)**, an infectious disease expert at the University of Alberta, specializing in the treatment of TB. Dr. Fanning served as medical officer for the World Health Organization's global TB program and was appointed a Member of the Order of Canada in 2006. **Dr. David Jones ('56)**, a London Cardiologist, was also a member of the class of 1963, but unfortunately passed away in October, 2008.

The fact that six out of a class of 60 graduated from South is impressive enough, but when you take into consideration the fact that the only four females in the entire Meds '63 class were the four South alumnae, it is quite astonishing. Given the fact that medicine was a rather male dominated profession in the 1950's, it's not surprising that there were only four women. So what influenced these four South girls to become doctors? **Dr. Anne Fanning** gives a lot of the credit to her mother, who was a doctor in London at a time when there were very few female physicians around. Anne also says she was encouraged by her guidance counselor: "I can still remember telling him I was going to go into history, and he said, 'Anne, history is a nice hobby. Do medicine.' " (*Edmonton Journal*, March 24/07). **Dr Carol Ann Reed** credits Ms. Jessie McFarlane, who suggested Medicine instead of a BSc. Nursing, as that would only require six years instead of five: "Who knew that six years would become thirteen after Internship, Orthopedic Fellowship, (I was the first woman in Canada to become an Orthopedic Surgeon) and a McLaughlin Traveling Fellowship to study Hand/Foot Surgery!! We were all very lucky that she taught English and not Mathematics. It was an inspired thought, for which I am very grateful, and I suspect that she made similar suggestions to my other female colleagues."

Dr. Stinson also provided us with the following commentary:

50 years ago, the four women planted a tree to commemorate the graduation. Some of our class looked for the tree this year, but it has disappeared, probably lost amidst construction of new buildings on campus. The four of us gathered together this year, and suggested that we plant a new tree at our next 5-year Reunion.

I think we all made the decision to go into Medicine separately. Jessie MacFarlane was encouraging to us all, but she wasn't the only influence. Anne Fanning's mother was certainly a good role model for women going into medicine. In my early years, my family were on the mission field in China, and I saw women in many roles there - as physicians, nurses, teachers, musicians. So fairly early in life, I saw that women could be doctors, and with my family's encouragement, made choices to go in that direction.

Thanks again for your interest in our careers! I would encourage the students of South Collegiate that anything is possible - if you put your mind to it!

Dora Stinson, Meds '63.

While twelve members of Meds '63 are now deceased, most of the remaining classmates will continue to gather every five years for a class reunion during Western's Homecoming weekend, some arriving from distant parts. Each reunion the class gets a little smaller, but let's hope that in 2018, the four remaining South alumni are all still able to be there.

IN MEMORIAM

Blanche (Stauffer) Jarmain ('34)

passed away in Mississauga on July 26, 2013. A longtime kindergarten teacher at Riverview and Byron Northview, Blanche was passionate about London, in particular its history and architecture. She also had a keen interest in the natural world, especially native birds. Blanche is survived by her sister **Joyce (Stauffer) Briggs ('36)** of Sarnia.

Mary Ann (McRoberts) St-Pierre ('56)

age 75, passed away Sept. 25, 2013 in Victoria, BC. Dear mother of Sandra Vanos (Ken) of Forest, ON, and Stephen St-Pierre (Melody) of Victoria, B.C. Cherished grandmother of four and great-grandmother of six. Also survived by her sister, Jean Johnson, brother, Allan McRoberts, and brother-in-law Vern Wallace, all of London.

Dr. Robert Murray Barr ('56) passed away suddenly, on Oct. 22, 2013, age 73. Bob enjoyed a distinguished 40 year career as a Professor of Medicine, retiring just two years ago. A highly respected hematologist, he served as Medical Director of the Red Cross Transfusion Service in London for 35 years. He also held a series of administrative positions at Western, including Director of Post Graduate Medicine.

Remembered as a caring physician and an excellent teacher, Bob is survived by his wife, Mary, sons David & Richard and daughter, Catherine. Also survived by brother **Hugh ('53)**, sister **Lynn McMaster ('60)** and seven grandchildren: **Megan ('07)**, Andrew, **Jamie ('09)**, **Lauren ('11)**, Spencer, Michael & Nolan.

Keith Brock Bendall ('67) passed away May 21, 2013, in London, age 65.

Proud owner of JK Painting with his business partner and best friend, **Jim McKillop ('68)**. Father of three and grandfather of two, Keith is also survived by brothers Ken and **Brent ('75)** and sisters Donna and **Sheila Bendall ('70)**.

Gerald Edward Ginsberg ('67), age 64, passed away suddenly in Naples, Florida on May 4, 2013. He worked for Parks & Recreation in London before moving to Grimsby where he served as general manager of the Niagara Wine Festival. He also established the Niagara Ice Wine Festival and later served as President of Festivals and Events Ontario. For the last 6 years, he was General Manager of the Canada Blooms festival in Toronto. Gerry is survived by his wife Ellen, brother Bob, sister Judy, two daughters and two grandchildren.

Nancy (Peace) Harrington ('69) passed away suddenly on Oct. 17, 2013, in London. A graduate of UWO and Fanshawe's Nursing Program, Nancy worked at Victoria Hospital for 38 years. Described as a "devoted mother & wife" she is survived by husband, **David Harrington ('74)**, daughter **Jane ('99)** and son **Cameron ('00)**. Daughter-in-law of **Neil Harrington ('47)**.

Lois Helen (Hammond) Broadhead ('71) passed away at Parkwood Hospital on May 22, 2013. Loving wife of **David ('71)**, she is also survived by her mother Helen, sister Gaye Hoy, brother Bryan and three children.

Dr. William (Bill) Jansenberger ('73) passed away at home, surrounded by his family, on June 6, 2013, age 59. Described as "a good-natured giant", Bill,

at 6'5", was a force to be reckoned on the basketball court, once scoring 73 points in a game for South in 1970.

Bill became a chiropractor and practised in Old South for 36 years. He also owned a vineyard in Merlin, ON, and was a proud member of the Board of the Grape Growers of Ontario.

Bill is survived by his wife **Mary Jo (Nelligan) ('71)**, brother Bob, three daughters - **Emily Foreman ('96)**, **Martha ('99)** and **Mary Jansenberger ('01)** and two grandchildren.

Viljama, Gary (student, 1976-79)

died suddenly on June 5, 2013, age 50, in London. Dear brother of **Glenn Viljama ('79)** of Ingersoll and Geoffrey of London. Also survived by his mother, Grace.

Barbara Janine Horton ('85) passed away May 16, 2013 in London, age 47. Loving mother of Jacob. Survived by mother Barbara Barr, father Gordon Horton, sister **Gena (Horton) McCoy ('88)**, and brother **Todd Horton ('91)**.

Maud (Wade) Luney (head secretary, 1988-91) passed away June 5, 2013 at University Hospital, in her 87th year. Survived by her husband Lorne, two children and two grandchildren.

William Bruce Braund (staff, 1970-77) passed away June 16, 2013, at home in London. Described as "a lifelong teacher, skilled financial advisor, insightful author, avid tennis player and adoring husband. Always learning and engaged in life." Survived by his wife, Elma, one son, three grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Like a Hero Going Home – The Final Days of Tecumseh

MARION JOHNSON ('67) has become well known over the past several years for her stage adaptations of classical novels, such as *Wuthering Heights* (2008), *Emma* (2010), and most recently, *Great Expectations* (2012). Marion has also demonstrated her skill as a playwright in creating scripts centred around historical events. Marion's most recent historically based script, about the final days of the legendary aboriginal warrior and political leader Tecumseh, was commissioned as part of the Bicentennial Anniversary of the War of 1812. Tecumseh, as you may remember, died during a battle that took place near Thamesville, ON, on Oct. 5, 1813. The title, **Like a Hero Going Home – The Final Days of Tecumseh**, is taken from Tecumseh's own words when encouraging his warriors: "When your time comes to die...singing your death song and die like a hero going home."

The play was written with the assistance of First Nations liaison, George Henry. It has been performed several times as a fully costumed dramatic reading, with a cast of native and non-native actors, most recently at the Community Centre, Chippewa of the Thames First Nations. It also received a standing ovation after a performance at the Thamesville United Church on Sept. 29th.

In October it was announced that local filmmaker, Florin Markensteiner plans to turn the play into a half-hour docudrama to take the story into mainstream media and classrooms. It's probably safe to conclude that Marion's play achieved its goal of creating a show that was "entertaining as well as educational" that would "make Canadian history accessible to a wide audience".

75th Anniversary Award Winner: Jane Winsky

(Presentation speech at this year's Commencement Ceremony on Oct. 10th)

To commemorate South's 75th Anniversary (2003), The Alumni Association created a special award for STAFF MEMBERS, presented annually. The Award's purpose is "to recognize a staff member who has contributed significantly to making South a quality school". Every year there are many worthy nominations submitted and it is not an easy task for the SCAA directors to choose just one winner. But I think you will agree that this year's winner is indeed deserving.

This person has been described as incredibly professional, friendly, patient, compassionate, caring yet firm, making students accountable, meticulous in her work, unflappable. She knows almost everyone in the building by name and is like a second mother to many. She is a constant ray of sunshine in the cramped office she shares with mailboxes and a photocopier.

She is **Jane Winsky - South's Attendance Secretary** - but she does far more than her job description. She has been known to provide breakfast and snacks and make lunches for kids in need, and I heard something about 1000 cupcakes? She is the go-to person for students and staff in need of anything. Jane's South pride is evident in her support of all the activities that occur during the school year and she is a cheerleader 24/7. One of the nominators stated that South wouldn't be the same without Jane. She continually supports students, parents and staff as they work through day-to-day challenges.

Jane Winsky is the heart and soul of South and I am honoured to be able to name her as this year's recipient of the 75th Anniversary Award.

Andrea (Fewster) Manias ('70) (staff, 1976-2009)



2013 Commencement

October 10, 2013 was referred to as "10-10-13" by **Valedictorian Noor Shakfa** at South's Commencement for the graduating class of 2013. Noor began by recounting that the class came from 10 feeder schools and each year spent 10 months learning from 13 departments and then went on to remember many instances of 10-10-13 such as coach Marcus's toes, music teacher Rob Larose's jokes, geography teacher Tim Johnston's stories and science teacher Al Pratt's karate moves. Favourite memories included the Barefoot Walk, vandalizing (science/phys. ed. teacher) Justin Fish's car and French teacher, Martha St. Pierre's Brain Gym.



Whereas some of the graduating class were unable to attend due to other activities such as university midterms, 110 students proudly walked across the stage and received diplomas, awards and gifts as parents snapped photos and graduates enjoyed hearing what their former classmates were up to. 22 students received *Alumni Awards* for achieving a minimum average of 90%. Kevin Mills (1997) presented the *Carla Mills Cameron Award* to **Hamisah (Misa) Commodore**. **Cameron Morris** received the *South Anniversary Award* and **Angela Weiser** was named *Scholar of the Year*. **Jane Winsky** was presented with the *75th Anniversary Award*. (See article above)

The celebration concluded with thanks offered by former Vice Principal **Todd Woollings ('89) (VP, 2011-13)**, most particularly to this special class, whose energy and positive attitude helped make their graduating year, troubled by political turmoil, a good year for all.

Congratulations to the 2013 graduates!

NEW SCAA DIRECTOR...

The Executive of the Alumni Association is pleased to welcome a new director: **Nancy Jane (Holmes) Coups ('56)**, who kindly agreed to fill the vacancy created last spring by the death of Bob Johnston ('56). Nancy Jane is a lifelong London resident, the mother of three and grandmother of six. She grew up on Franklin Ave. in a home her mother lived in until 1995. Both her siblings are South grads too: **Joanne (Holmes) Pettit ('51)**, now living in Sudbury, and **Jim Holmes ('62)**, a London resident. Although she has many fond memories of her time at South, Friday night football games under the lights (at Labatt Park) are among her favourites. She loved being a cheerleader and future husband, **Jack Coups ('56)** (deceased, 2006) was one of South's football stars. After attending Western and getting married in 1961, Nancy Jane taught English and Phys Ed at Sir Adam Beck. While raising her family, she continued to teach part time until retiring from Saunders in 2001.



South Now... Want to keep up with what goes on currently at South? (games, club events, important dates, etc) Check these sites: www.twitter.com/SCI_Lions & <https://www.facebook.com/pages/SCI-Lions-London-Ontario/297705447034676?ref=hl>

Class of '55 & '56 Reunion

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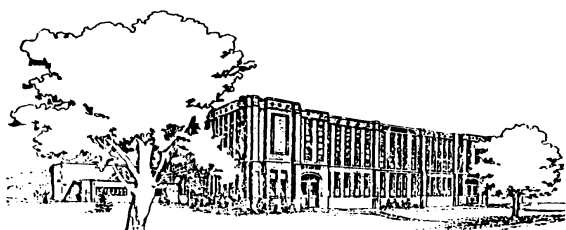
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(or any other interested alumni)
TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS
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Back Row, L to R: Lynne Hevey ('74), Geoff McMurray ('80), Sandy Ross ('79), Summer Burton ('92), Kelly Kleinhans ('80), Andrea Manias ('70) (staff, 1976-09), Mike Bloxam ('01), Becky Carruthers ('74) **Absent:** Connie (Woods) Weir ('66), Ian Underhill (staff, 1969-92), Catherine Charlton ('63) & Linda Crossley (principal, 1997-01)

Directory of Entrepreneurial Alumni

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