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Celebrating South's Many Multi-Year Teachers

Whenever I look at staff photos from the early years of the school's existence, I am always struck by the longevity of their careers at South. There may be a number of reasons for that, the first being that there were only four high schools to teach at in the city until the 1950's. Then there was the fact of reduced mobility. How many teachers possessed the transportation options that would allow them to switch schools the way so many teachers and administrators do today? There was also no "85 factor" to encourage teachers to start taking their pension at an earlier age. Being a nostalgic person, however, I like to think that the teachers who spent so many years at South, often their entire careers, also did so because they truly cared about the school and the students they taught.

The photo below is South's staff in 1935. Anyone who attended South between 1950 and 1970 should be able to recognize at least some of those faces, because nine of them were still at South until the early fifties, and several until the late 1960's. So, take a good look and see if you can spot **T.S.H ("Tish") Graham**, who was VP for South's first year, then principal for the next 30 (1922-53). Teacher/coach **Bryce ("Dinny") Dinsmore** also joined South's staff in its first year and stayed for 38! **W. Gordon McNeil** was also part of South's original 10-member teaching staff in 1922-23. As English & History Dept. head, McNeil enjoyed a 31 year career until retiring in 1953. Then there's **Don Freeman** who joined the staff

in 1929 and spent the next 35 years teaching and coaching and finally serving as VP and Principal. **H. Gordon Wonnacott**, the venerable Latin teacher who graced the school's halls for 38 years (1929-67) is also there, as is **L.C. Jackson**, on South's staff for 31 years (1934-65). On the female side, we have the two "Jeans" - teacher/librarian, **Jean Gorwill**, on staff for 39 years (1930-69) and **Jean McRobert**, who taught mathematics at South for 38 years (1931-69). And finally, we have the longest serving teacher in South's history: **Miss Jessie MacFarlane**, who came to South in 1926 as Head of Girls' Phys Ed. and stayed for an incredible 42 years, not retiring until 1968! During her early years, she coached most of the girls' athletic activities, as well as teaching history and English, becoming English Dept. head in 1957.



SOUTH STAFF 1935

Back Row— W.G. McNeil, C.F. Burns & J.F. Calvert

Middle Row— W.T. Armstrong, D.M. Freeman, S.R. Byles, H.B. Dinsmore, E.M. Pickett, H. Hilliard, L.C. Jackson, R.H. Allin & H.G. Wonnacott

Front Row— J. MacFarlane, J. Gorwill, K. Macpherson, W.R. Urlin, T.S.H. Graham, B. McCamus, M. Carr-Harris, & J. McRobert

Another interesting fact about the 1935 staff is that eight of the twenty lived in the neighbourhood, six of whom had children who went to South: T.S.H. Graham, J.F. Calvert, Tom Armstrong, Gordon McNeil, Don Freeman and Gordon Wonnacott. Of special note here is Gordon McNeil. His son, John G. McNeil ('34) and daughter-in-law, Dora (Dicks) McNeil ('36) both attended South as well as two grandchildren: Marilynne McNeil ('68) and Grant McNeil ('71)... another 3-generation South family!

Now look at the staff photo from 1959-60 and see how many faces you recognize. The teaching ranks have swelled considerably, but you will see that six of the names highlighted on page 1 are still there. Can you spot them? Among the new faces you see, there are no doubt many whom you will remember fondly, but only four of them taught at South for more than 20 years. **Russ ("Spats") Maguire** was there the longest: 32 years (1947-79). Science teacher **Glen Mitchell** was at South for 28 years (1939-67). He also lived in the area and had children who attended South. Another popular science teacher, **Wally Ewald**, taught for 24 years (1959-83). **Tom Crerar**, a highly respected English teacher,



taught for 25 years (1956-81), becoming Department Head after Jessie retired. Tom's son Adam is a 1986 grad. (Notes: Absent from the photo: **John Gloin**, who taught history for 29 years (1948-77). Coach and Phys Ed teacher, **Hank Betkus** taught at South for 20 years, as did **Marion (Boa) Woodman**, (1954-74).

Looking through yearbooks from the late 60's and on, it is possible to identify a few more teachers with 20+ years on South's staff. Among those who joined South's staff in the 1960's, one in particular stands out: beloved teacher **Joanne Mayhew**, who for 31 years (1962-93) worked to keep South's Latin program vibrantly relevant when so many Ontario schools were discontinuing theirs. Other long serving teachers who joined South's staff in the 1960's include coach and math teacher **Glenn MacDonald** with 28 years (1966-94), math teacher **Ron Reesor** with 29 (1969-98) and English teachers **Bill Cockburn** (1969-96) and **Ian Underhill** (1969-92), with 27 and 23 years respectively. When you look at the teachers who joined South's staff in the 1970's, one of the names that stands out is math teacher **Andrea (Fewster) Manias** (1976-2009), on staff for 33 years, except for the time she took off as a young mother (1982-88). Not only that, but she is also a South grad herself (class of '70) and the mother of four South grads: Mark ('01), Laura ('03), Stephanie ('04) and Rebecca ('06). When you add to that her 14 years of service on the SCAA executive (2005-19), I think you can say that Andrea has been connected to South for much of her life! Other staff from the 1970's include math teacher **Lou Fowler** (1971-1992), history teacher **Steve Officer** (1972-96), librarian **Blanche (Varga) Tome** (1977-2003), Phys Ed. teacher **Rick Bower** (1978-2000) and math teacher **Frank Littell** (1979-2002). After teaching history at South for 20 years, **Pete Telford** (1978-98) has served on the SCAA executive as President and Past President for the past 24 years. That adds up to a 44 year commitment! Pete's wife, **Betty (Baker) Telford** taught a variety of subjects over a span of 25 years (1974-99) with a parenting break from 1980-87. Three Telford children also attended South: Pat ('85), Emily ('88) and Nic ('99).

When you start looking at teachers who joined the South staff in the 80's, 90's and beyond, there are quite an impressive number who have 20+ years of service. But given the limitations of space, that topic has been reserved for another issue. The only one I feel compelled to mention here is **Sarah Jaremko**, who is not only marking her 30th year since joining South's staff, but is also part of a 3-generation South family (See page 4).

Connie (Woods) Weir ('66)

SOUTH'S BUILDERS CELEBRATE 150 YEARS!



As South prepares to celebrate its 100th Anniversary, London-based Hayman Construction Inc. is celebrating its 150th - Ontario's oldest and Canada's 2nd oldest construction firm! English immigrant John Hayman started working with his brother William in 1872 under the name 'Hayman Brothers, Masonry Contractors'. In 1887, after some of John's sons had joined the firm, the name was changed to 'John Hayman and Sons' and in 1913, it was incorporated as 'The John Hayman and Sons Company, Limited'. Ninety years later, in 2003, 'Hayman Construction Inc.' was formed as a wholly owned subsidiary of the parent company and all construction projects are now run under this name. Not only that, but it is still family-owned, currently operated by fifth-generation members of the founder's family.

The Hayman family's connections to South go back right to its beginnings. When John Hayman and Sons completed construction of the new Victoria Public School in the spring of 1922, it allowed the newly established LSCI to begin operating in the old Victoria building that September. After almost 6 years there, South happily moved its own new building on Tecumseh, constructed by.... John Hayman and Sons!

But the connection, as many alumni know, goes beyond constructing our building in 1928. Eight members of the Hayman family are South alumni, four siblings in one family and four in another. **Don Hayman ('54)** passed away in 2008 and **Molly (Hayman) Ware ('60)** in 2021. **Robert (Bob) Hayman ('46)** who served as President with his brother **George ('48)** for many years, just passed away in March. Under their leadership, Hayman's reputation continued to grow and both men served terms as Presidents of the London & District Construction Association. In April 2019, they were presented with the Frank Baratta Member of Distinction award at the LDCA Gala.



George and Bob Hayman with Mayor Holder at LDCA Gala in 2019



Brian Hayman, 1980
Student Council President

All four of George's sons went to South and the company is now in the capable hands of two of them: **Peter ('74)** and **Brian Hayman ('80)**, both professional engineers, who are currently President and Vice-President. Bob's son, Michael, is the Treasurer.

Hayman's senior staff is Gold Seal Certified by the Canadian Construction Association and their reputation for quality construction has been acknowledged by awards from the Construction Safety Association of Ontario. Some more recently completed projects include the two new Pedestrian Bridges over

the North branch of the Thames, (Thames Valley Parkway) (2020), Western's new Music School (2017) and the 4-floor addition to the Engineering School (2009), the first LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified building at Western. The Entrepreneurship and Innovation Centre, currently under construction, will be Western's first net-zero energy building, including features such as geothermal (ground-source) heat and cooling, green roof, triple-glazed windows and generous use of natural light.



1973 BOYS CURLING B TEAM

Coach MacDonald, Bill Boyce, **Peter Hayman**, Frank Giffen, Tim Bird & D.J. Wiley

Congratulations to Hayman's on their 150th and best wishes for many more years of success!

SOUTH'S MULTI-GENERATIONAL FAMILIES (PART 2)

The Ramer Family

The Ramers, a Mennonite family from Markham, arrived in London in 1912. Ambrose Wilford Ramer, his wife Edith Maude and their five children settled in a house on the northwest corner of Tecumseh and Bellevue Ave. At the time, Tecumseh was just a mud track and there were only a few other homes close by. South was not yet open when their three oldest children, sons Clarence, Archie and Arnold, were ready for high school, but five others, including the three born after they moved to London, all attended South.

Edna Ramer ('28) was part of that memorable march of staff & students as they walked from the old Victoria school to South's new building on Tecumseh. Although none of Edna's children attended South, three of her grandchildren did: **Jennifer (Roedding) Niles ('89)**, **Jill Roedding ('92)** and **Paul Roedding ('96)**.

Marcella Ramer ('29), tall and athletic, excelled at basketball during her years at South and married South grad, **Gord Bloomfield**. Their son **Bob Bloomfield** graduated from South in the early 1960's.

Lenora Ramer ('31), married fellow South grad **Bert Haskett**, but their sons attended Westminster after the family moved to Lambeth.

Gerald Ramer ('32) was the fourth member of the Ramer family to attend South, followed by the youngest member of the family, **Walter Ramer ('35)**, who played rugby during his time at South, as well as serving on the BAA and the Literary Society. An interesting sidenote is that Walter attended South at the same time as his nephew **Leo Ramer ('38)**, the son of his oldest brother, Clarence.

While Gerald's daughter **Stephanie** graduated from South in the mid-60's, it was Walter who extended the family's unbroken connection to South through another two generations. All four of Walter's children attended South: **Don ('66)**,

Ken ('69), **Anne ('72)** and **Karen ('74)**. Ken is well known to many in Old South as a long-time real estate agent with Royal LePage, along with his wife Jean and now their son, **Mike ('01)**. Ken & Jean's daughter **Melanie ('03)**, also a South grad, lives in Whitby. Further strengthening the family's South connection is the fact that Ken has served on the SCAA Executive since 2014.

(Final Note: A big thanks to Ken's wife Jean for providing most of the background info for this article)

The Cripps Family

According to family history, when **Walter James Cripps ('43)** started grade 9 in 1938, he had to walk to South every day from the family farm near Southdale and Wharnccliffe. Jump one generation and you will find Walter's nephew, **Ron Cripps**, a 1967 grad, and his sister **Diane (Cripps) Weiler**, a 1972 grad. Jumping yet another generation, you find all three of Ron's children: **Catherine (Cripps) Sherring ('96)**, **Peter Cripps ('98)** and **Jennifer (Cripps) Porawski ('99)**. **Jennifer** is currently Head of the Art Department at South, after returning as a staff member in the fall of 2009. **Peter**, who also still lives in London, expects his daughter, Ainsley, to enter grade 9 at South this fall.

Jennifer (Cripps) Porawski, staff photo, 2010-11



1935 SENIOR RUGBY TEAM

Back Row: Mr. Dinsmore (coach), A. Phillips, J. Kennedy, **W. Ramer**, I. Symington, W. Parsons, H. Steeles, W. Mitchell, G. Dowdell (manager), K. Caspell
Middle Row: D. McKenzie, S. Clarke, J. Wooley, W. McMoran, B. Hart, R. Tremaine (captain)
First Row: R. Miller, C. Collier, A. Shaw, D. Fillmore, H. Kimber, D. Parnell



The Strupat Family

Doug Strupat graduated from South in 1965, and his wife **Nancy (Willis) Strupat** in 1966. Their son **Paul ('92)** and daughter **Andrea ('93)** are also South alumni, as is their grandson **Bailey ('15)**. Two other Strupats also attended South, siblings **Christine ('03)** and **Nick Strupat ('04)**. They are Doug and Nancy's niece and nephew, the children of Doug's brother John. Nicholas lives and works in Toronto, but Christine just bought a house on Emery Street and is expecting her first child in July, so her aunt Nancy wonders if there will be yet another family member at South 14 years from now.

The Tuckey Family

I think it's safe to say that anyone who grew up in Old South is familiar with Tuckey Hardware. Purchased in 1946 by Elmer Tuckey, the grandfather of current owner, **Dave Tuckey ('82)**, the business is marking its 76th year of operation in the same location and owned by the same family. Dave's father, **Don Tuckey ('42)** was one of the original 100 charter members who founded Home Hardware Stores Ltd. in 1964. The business flourished under Don's leadership and continues to do so to this day under Dave's. Dave's mother **Eleanor (Courtis) Tuckey ('48)** was also a proud South grad, as were his two siblings, **Barbara (Tuckey) Elliott ('76)** and **Ken Tuckey ('79)**. Finally, marking the 3rd generation of the family to graduate from South are Dave's daughters: **Clara ('14)** and **Olivia ('19)**. The SCAA has thanked Dave previously for his support, particularly for acting as our vendor for the sale of our book *Knowing No Defeat*, but we want to acknowledge again his contributions to the Old South community.

The Lopston/Shepherd/Jaremko Family

Anyone who attended South in the 1960's probably knew at least one member of the **Lopston** family. Between 1962 and 1972, five members of the family graduated from South. The first was **Beverley ('62)**, followed by her four siblings: **Peter ('63)**, **Elizabeth ('67)**, **Jon ('69)** and **Jane ('72)**. Unfortunately, both Elizabeth and Jane are now deceased. Peter Lopston is a professor of Philosophy at the University of Guelph, while Jon Lopston has returned to London after a number of years in the UK. **Beverley (Lopston) Shepherd**, however, remained in London and raised her three children in Old South: **Sarah ('87)**, **Susan ('89)** and **Jonathan ('92)**. **Susan (Shepherd) Spence** now lives in Toronto and is the mother of two children. **Jonathan** also lives in Toronto, with his wife, fellow South grad **Christine (Dee) Dolman ('94)** and their three children. **Sarah (Shepherd) Jaremko**, like her mother, stayed in London and is now the mother of two 3rd generation South grads: **Rebecca ('13)** and **Nick Jaremko ('20)**. Making the connection to South even stronger, Sarah has been a teacher at South since 1992. She currently teaches English, but also taught Latin until the program was discontinued last year. In addition to that, her son Nick is now serving a term on the SCAA executive... truly a loyal South family!



Front Row: Bev (Lopston) Shepherd ('62), Rebecca Jaremko ('13) & Elizabeth Jaremko

Back Row: Eric Shepherd (Sarah's father), Dan Jaremko (Sarah's husband), Sarah Jaremko ('87), Nick Jaremko ('20) & Lois Jaremko (Dan's mother)

One more alumni obit to make room for...

Grant WILSON ('59) passed away at Victoria Hospital on March 23, 2022, at the age of 81. Beloved husband of Anna for 57 years. Dear father of Brian (Michelle) of London, and Darryl of Calgary. Loving grandfather to two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Survived by his brothers **Douglas ('62)** and **David ('68)** (Les). He will be lovingly remembered by many extended family members and friends. A high school educator, Grant taught Geography at Clarke Road and elsewhere during his career. He was also a dedicated volunteer with his church and an avid golfer and curler.

SOUTH's 100th BIRTHDAY JUST 5 MONTHS AWAY!

As most of you are aware, South's 100th anniversary is going to be celebrated in two parts, the first of which is scheduled for this fall. The purpose of this event is to formally acknowledge South's "birthplace". Even though the old school no longer exists, its location on Askin Street, beside the current Victoria Public School, is well known. As indicated in last fall's newsletter, the SCAA wanted to mark this historical location with a commemorative plaque. After receiving the initial approval of our proposal from the administration at Victoria, we contacted the TVDSB and are pleased to report that the Board has approved both the design and location of the plaque. While we must cover the cost of the base to support it, the Board will cover the cost of the plaque itself.



Official Commemoration of South's Opening

Location: Victoria Public School, 130 Wharncliffe Rd. S. (at Askin St.)

Date: September 9, 2022 (5:30 – 8 pm)

Format:

5:30 to 7pm – The first part of this event is designed to be an informal "open house", to give anyone interested the opportunity to browse the displays (historical artifacts, photos, copies of South's *Oracle* newsletters from the 1920's, etc.) and see the old bell, all that remains of the old school, in Victoria's library/auditorium area. Simple refreshments will also be available.

7 to 8 pm – The second, more formal part, will focus on the "unveiling" of the commemorative plaque, which will involve the participation of a number of invited guests, a few of whom may wish to speak briefly.

Given the nature of this event, the SCAA expects that attendance will be limited to those living in the London area. Understandably, most alumni will be planning to attend the social part of our 100th Anniversary instead:

Reunion Weekend, May 26-28, 2023. While our focus right now is on the September event, some exciting activity ideas are being discussed, so watch for more details in the future.

Reminder: The SCAA is not planning a school wide event for the Saturday evening of that weekend. Individual years or alumni groups must plan their own events. At least one group has already booked a facility for their class.

South's Super Seniors (Part 2)

You will notice when reading the first "In Memoriam" items that South has lost four more of its "Super Seniors". Ranging in age from 92 to 99 years, no one can argue that these four individuals didn't live long, and by all indications, happy lives. Nevertheless, their passing is acknowledged with sadness.

One of those who passed just recently was **Bob Hayman ('46)**, whose construction company, featured on page 3, built the school which South moved into in 1928. Fortunately, his brother, **George Hayman ('48)** is still with us and we want to acknowledge not only his accomplishments as a businessman, but also his lasting connection to South. Not only did all four of his sons attend South, but he served as the 1948 Class Rep for several years.

The next "Super Senior" we want to acknowledge is **Neil Harrington (1940-44)**, featured in last fall's issue as a member of one of our multi-generational families and described by daughter Elizabeth ('71) as "*a renaissance man*", whose life has been "*filled with music, laughter, family, friends and sports*".

Turning 94 on May 19th, Neil still loves to have fun with his large family, now grown to 6 grandkids and 4 great grandchildren. At age 12, he moved from the village of Birr to Old South and began Grade 8 at Wortley Road PS just in time to win the City Baseball Championship. Common threads throughout his life have been sports and music. His love for music started early and as a teen he was recruited by a neighbour who was the conductor for the Police Boys Band. Neil, along with other notable musicians like South Music Head, Joe George (1961-71), went on to play professionally in the London music scene. Following his marriage to Jean, however, and the birth of their first child, Elizabeth, working fewer nights and weekends and getting a regular pay cheque became very important, especially after the birth of three more children: Sandy ('72), David ('74) and Catherine ('75). Neil joined 3M and went on to have a successful 45-year career with them.



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MAIL BOX...

Letters and e-mails from alumni



RESPONSES TO FALL 2021 ISSUE

Thank you very much for sharing my email with our fellow students at South. I read every bit of the publication and I am in the process of sharing it with my children and grandchildren. I especially enjoyed reading your take on growing up in the Old Wortley Village area. My Canadian relatives have sent me photos and shared articles about it. Someone from Bruce Street reached out to me for a bit of history on the area, since my parents lived just one house away from Wortley Road for 40+ years. I agree it was a wonderful place to spend your formative years. They say "It takes a Village to raise a child" and that was very definitely my experience living there.

Marion Watson Siegel (47), Gainesville, Florida



It is a very genuine sentiment that occurred to me when I was reading some of the mini-bios and obituaries that you publish in *Lions' Pride*... very interesting lives. One a personal note, I also particularly look back on my time in the British Army. There were 600 of us in a battalion, and I lived and worked with people from such a huge breadth of background: officers from titled backgrounds to more than a few men with tattoos on their knuckles. A very broadening experience that sets one up for life!

Andrew Hart ('87), Fife, Scotland

ANTICIPATING SOUTH'S 100TH

I've been reading the materials regarding South's 100th celebration. I haven't been back to South since I graduated in 1958 - 59. I went to UWO from 1959-62 and then Faculty of Ed at U of T. I taught at Port Credit SS in Mississauga/Peel B of Ed (1962-94) and retired 1995-6, after 2 years in Germany at Canadian Forces Base school in Lahr. Looking forward to the 100th event.

Gary Ewart ('59)

EMAIL FROM ANOTHER SUPER SENIOR!

As a graduate of the class of 1947, I am writing as another "super senior". After graduation I went to Western and graduated in 1951. I then worked for Trans Canada Airlines (now Air Canada). In 1955 I moved to Deep River, where my husband worked for Atomic Energy of Canada. In 1962 we went to Italy, with our four children, because my husband was asked to work at Euratom (European Atomic Energy Commission). In 1965 we moved back to Ottawa where we have lived in the same house for 56 years. On December 21 of this year, we celebrated our 70th wedding anniversary.

In 1998 our class celebrated our 50th anniversary reunion. It was actually the 51st but better late than never. It was superbly organized by Tom Abel, one of the super stars of our class. Who can forget our wonderful teachers? Mr. Mitchell, Physics, Mr. Armstrong, Chemistry, Mme. Carr-Harris, French, Mr. Wonnacott, Latin, our principal, Mr. Graham, who also taught us Trigonometry, and all the others who taught us so well. I must mention especially Miss Gorwill who attended our 50-year reunion and looked exactly the same as she did all those years ago.

Barbara (Saylor) Whitfield ('47) (Editor's Note: Thank you for your wonderful email, Barbara. Stay well!)

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Daughter Elizabeth describes her father's success this way: *"Armed with compassion, humour and kindness, plus a fun-loving, spirited personality, he worked his way up, from driver for the President, into Employee Relations, then to National Sales Manager and finally to President, General Manager of 3M Pharmaceuticals. Along the way, he was an active runner, golfer, volunteer, family man and active community leader, mentoring many young people through the years. Upon retirement, he picked up a saxophone for the first time in 25 years and didn't stop playing in five bands until Covid hit!"*

EDITOR'S NOTE: If you are aware of any more of South's "Super Seniors" please let us know .

IN MEMORIAM

Margaret (Patterson) ORAM ('40)



passed away Oct. 27, 2021 in Grand Bend in her 100th year. Predeceased by her husband, **John (Jack) Oram ('38)** and sister, Doris. Beloved

sister of **Donald ("Denny") Patterson ('48)** and mother of **Robert ('70)** (Karen), **Barbara ('72)** (Robert) and **Duncan ('76)** (Kathy). Much-loved Nana to eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. A life-long resident of south London, Margaret was a faithful member of Elmwood Avenue Presbyterian Church and taught Sunday School for many decades. Other interests included tennis, watching Jeopardy and reading the Free Press every day. She was also a loyal fan of the Western Mustang football team and the London Knights. Most of all, Margaret cherished time with family and friends.

Herbert "Herb" BALLANTYNE ('42)

passed away at University Hospital on Jan. 2, 2022, age 97. Beloved husband of **Beverley (nee May) Ballantyne ('45)**. Cherished father of Jackie Ann Campbell (Peter) and Peter Ballantyne (Pat). Loving grandfather of three and great grandfather of four. Herb was an outstanding athlete at UWO, most notably as quarterback of the Mustang football team. Team captain in 1945, Asst. Coach from 1947-49, Herb



could be found in the stands of home games until his 95th year. After earning his MBA, he enjoyed a 40-year career with London Life. *"Herb loved his friends, bridge, curling and golf, the Mustangs, the Detroit Tigers and Lions, and the Toronto Raptors, but his greatest love was his wife of almost 72 years, Bev, and their family."*

Howard Robert (Bob) HAYMAN ('46)

passed away on March 5, 2022, age 93. Pre-deceased by his wife Anne (d. 2021), two siblings, **Donald ('54)** (d. 2008) and **Molly ('60)** (Ware) (d. 2021) and his infant son Timothy (d. 1958). Dear father of Stephen (Cathy), Michael and Susan (Brent) Hayman-Abello. Also loved and missed by six grandchildren, brother **George Hayman ('48)** (Helen), in-laws Lenore Hayman, Martin Ware, and many nieces & nephews.

Bob studied Civil Engineering at the University of Toronto and spent his entire career with the family construction firm, John Hayman and Sons, until retiring in

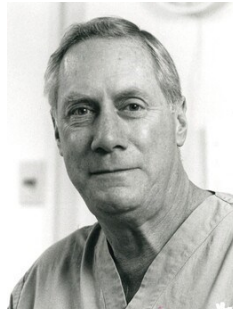


1999. He was also an active member of the London & District Construction Association and served a term as its president. In addition to being a highly successful business owner and devoted family man, Bob was a committed member of St. John the Evangelist Church, named to the Diocese's Order of Huron for his service. A great lover of music, Bob was *"equally proficient on piano, trumpet, violin, ukulele and the gut bucket... and many occasions were celebrated in song. His passions for life and learning were matched only by his seemingly limitless joy and curiosity..."*

Dr. Grace (Hunt) CARRUTHERS-LEITCH ('47)

passed away at McGarrell Place, London, on Oct. 28, 2021, age 92. Loving mother of Calla Leitch (Mark Graham). Predeceased by her husband, Dr. Garnet Leitch and her parents Charles and Lillian Hunt. Grace graduated from UWO's Medical School in 1957 and ran a family practice in Sarnia-Lambton, sat on the board of the local hospital and was employed by the Sarnia-Lambton Health Unit until her retirement. Grace enjoyed her friends, a good game of duplicate bridge, sailing, travelling, flying and cottage life.

Dr. Hugh Wallace BARR ('53)



passed away Dec. 6, 2021, age 85. Survived by his wife and best friend Cathy (Moore). Proud father of five, grandfather of thirteen and great grandfather of four. Dear brother

of **Lynn MacMaster ('60)** (Bob), David Barr (Linda) and Mary Barr (David Moore). Predeceased by his first wife Lillian "Nan" (McKay) and brother **Dr. Robert Barr ('57)** (d. 2013).

Hugh received his MD (Cum Laude) from UWO in 1959, followed by postgraduate Neurosurgical training in Toronto, London (UK), and London, (ON), where his mentor and subsequent colleague was Dr. Charles Drake. For 36 years, he was a consultant and practicing neurosurgeon at London's hospitals. A respected surgeon, he was also *"humble and compassionate"*. Remembered for his love of family and friends, Hugh cherished family time at the cottage in Grand Bend. After retiring, he and Cathy moved there permanently, where he volunteered his time as a member of the Board of the GBCHC and the Board of Community Living of South Huron.

Patricia "Pat" (Mallett) WOOD ('53)

passed away March 22, 2021, age 85. Beloved wife of the late **William (Bill) Wood ('53)** (d. 2012). Loving mother of three and cherished grandmother of four. Predeceased by her sister **Gwen (Mallett) Robson ('49)**, brother Tom Mallett, sister-in-law **Jane (Wood) Burton ('46)** and brother-in-law **Jerry Robson ('47)**. A graduate of the Victoria Hospital Nursing School alongside her lifelong friends **Gladys (Grant) Tambling ('53)**, **Eleanor (Element) Baker ('53)**, and **Dorothy (McEachern) Telfer ('53)**, Pat worked at Victoria before becoming a stay-at-home mom. She was truly in her element as a homemaker. She loved to sew, knit and host gatherings at her home whenever called upon.

Robert (Bob) Arthur CHRISTIE ('55)

passed away Nov. 2, 2021, in Ingersoll. Survived by his wife, Jill, his daughter Janice (Jerry) McDonald and his son, Jeffrey (Shelly) Christie, as well as two grandsons, Cole, and Jeffrey. Bob was a long-time Ingersoll resident and taught for over 30 years at I.D.C.I. Bob was on the organizing committee for the Class of 1955's "Diamond" Reunion held in September 2015.

Gordon Douglas (Doug) ORCHARD ('56)

passed away at Chartwell London on Nov. 13, 2021, age 84. Beloved husband of the late Dr. Yvonne Galindo and dear brother of **Tom ('55)** and his wife Joyce, and **Gerald ('61)** and his late wife **Dorothy (Lyall) ('59)**. Doug will be fondly remembered by his many nieces and nephews. Doug, Tom & Gerald's mother **Bonnie (Vollick) Orchard** was a member of South's very first class, attending from 1922 to 1927 in the Old Victoria School.

Dr. Dora Ann STINSON ('57) passed away July 25, 2020, in Halifax. Born in China to missionary parents,

Dora is survived by three siblings, her husband, Rev. Ted Thompson, and his two children and their families.

Dora was one of five members of the class of 1957 who graduated in medicine from UWO in 1963. She went on to specialize in Neonatology and spent 15 years in Pittsburgh before she moved to Halifax and joined the staff at The Grace Maternity Hospital. She was also Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Dalhousie University and a Neonatalist at the IWK Hospital for Children in Halifax. At local, national and international levels, Dr. Stinson was actively involved in every aspect of neonatal medicine, in research, administration and in clinical treatment of children. Her contributions, medical and humanitarian, were acknowledged with numerous awards, but *"she will also be remembered in the hearts of thousands who have been helped by her skills, kindness and selflessness"*.



Timothy "Tim" Durwin LEAH ('66) passed away Jan. 27, 2022, in Ottawa. Loving partner of Kim (Marshall), father of sons Cameron and Carter and brother of **Dan Leah ('68)** (Jane) and **Diane Leah ('70)** (Liz).

A proud South grad, Tim attended a number of reunions over the years and maintained many of his high school friendships. With degrees in Chemistry and Environmental Engineering from UWO, he was a passionate environmentalist, butterfly chronicler and activist. Achievements during his 40-year career with the Ministry of the Environment included work on the Montreal Protocol and coordinating NGO participation in the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro. Tim was also a fine drummer and played in bands from London to Montreal, Hamilton to Ottawa. He is past President of Ottawa JazzWorks and continued to play music until the late fall of 2021. *"He is deeply missed by his colleagues from the Ministry, the music community and his family."*



Jane Elizabeth (Dakers) PINK ('82) passed away surrounded by loved ones at Milton District Hospital on Nov. 23, 2021. Dear wife of Jon and loving mother to Charlie and Grace. Deeply missed by her parents Ron and Loretta Dakers of Port Stanley, brother **David Dakers ('80)** (Sally) of Victoria, B.C. and her many friends.

**Staff Passings**

Harry William (Bill) HILL (staff, 1976-80) passed away peacefully on Dec. 24, 2021, age 86. Survived by wife Marilyn, three children, Julie McLennan, Karen Wright and Jeff (Dana) Hill, six grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. After a 35-year career with the Board of Education, Bill enjoyed an active retired life, that included travel, live theatre and hosting family and friends at the cottage in Grand Bend. *"He will be remembered with love, respect, and no doubt a wide smile."*

Kuyler ("Kuy") HAUCH (staff, 1964-80)

passed away March 16th, 2022, days shy of his 85th birthday. A beloved husband, father, grandfather, uncle, brother and friend, he is survived by his wife **Linda Crossley-Hauch (staff 1997-2001)**, two daughters Jodie & Alison Hauch and two stepdaughters Alycia Calvert & Becky Calvert-Hamilton. Also survived by eight grandchildren, sons-in-law Alan Krueger & Mike Hamilton and his brother Jon. Predeceased by his first wife Janet.

As a career educator, Kuy connected with countless students in London, as well as overseas at the American Community School in Beirut, Lebanon, creating positive and enriching experiences, while fostering a love and respect for athletics and health. As Camp Queen Elizabeth's 'oldest camper', he helped build a legacy of leadership, commitment and skill during his long tenure there.

An energetic, fun-loving man, Kuy was a lifelong athlete. He was a proud member of the UWO football and swim teams, as well as a gymnast and the first male UWO cheerleader. In 1954, he swam for Canada at the British Empire Games. *"As a father and grandfather, he was a source of love, fun and inspiration. He climbed trees to pick apples, taught us how to skip stones, sang along with every musical and reminded us that joy, play and happiness should be celebrated and fostered throughout a lifetime. Even when he was diagnosed with Alzheimer's, he still smiled, danced and made it his goal to keep us laughing."*

**1970 PHYS ED DEPARTMENT**

Mr. Clark, Mrs. Ruddle, **Mr. Hauch**, Mrs. Zimmer, Mr. Young & Mrs. Wearing

(Editor's Note: When Wally Ewald (staff 1959-83) died in January, his obit was posted on the SCAA website and our Facebook page. If you missed it, you can read it on southalumni.ca.)

100 Years of Lions' Pride



As part of the celebration for South's 100th, the SCAA executive wanted to find a way to recognize the many varied achievements of our alumni over the past century. Initially, our plan was to create what we called a **"Wall of Recognition"** to acknowledge alumni who had distinguished themselves in some way during their post-South years. The members of the executive have submitted a number of names, but we wanted all alumni to have the opportunity to make recommendations, so a document was posted last December on the SCAA website as well as our Facebook page outlining how to submit nominations. Our goal was to hopefully get "100 names for 100 years", but we have already surpassed that number, with over 150 names. **The executive decided that we did not want to try to narrow down the list to just 100 names, so plan to include everyone who is nominated. Instead of putting all the posters on one wall, they will be displayed in the appropriate Decades Rooms during the Reunion Weekend (May 26-28, 2023).** In addition, acknowledging that there will be alumni worthy of recognition whom we have missed, there will be "nomination forms" in every Decade Room for alumni to suggest additional names for future acknowledgment. In the meantime, if you were not aware of this "project" until now, there is still time to submit a nomination (or several).

The deadline for submissions is May 31, 2022

To submit a nomination, please complete the form, available for download on our website (www.southalumni.ca). In addition to names and grad years, you will be asked to provide a brief explanation why you feel this person (or persons) is worthy of recognition. Alternatively, you can include this info in an email to contact@southalumni.ca.

Facebook Posts: In an effort to strengthen our lines of communication with alumni, we have been using our Facebook page more frequently. Since the beginning of November, there have been 13 posts, all of which have had positive responses. The post following Wally Ewald's death was seen by 500 alumni and elicited 25 responses. More recently, the post on the 5 doctors from the class of 1957 reached 314, with 23 responses.

Note: Please access the correct Facebook page by going through the homepage of our website.

School News... Here and Now: Watch for this regular feature to be posted soon on our website and Facebook page.

Reminder: If you have been receiving a hard copy of the newsletter by mail, but are happy reading it online, please let us know. As indicated earlier, we are trying to gradually reduce the number of mailed copies sent out.

Gathering on the Green

After a 2 year hiatus, the SCAA plans to be back on the "Green" in Wortley Village on Saturday, June 4. It's always a fun day, so stop by our booth, if you get the chance.

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