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# THE MIKE FORD 6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT AND DINNER

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2013



3290 Ninth Street, St. Catharines



Let's spend the day together playing golf, tasting wine, enjoying dinner and remembering our friend, Mike Ford.

9:45 AM - REGISTRATION BBQ 10:45 - 12:00 GOLF TEE OFFS or 11:00 ROCKWAY WINE TOUR 11:30 WINE TOUR BUS LEAVES 3:30 WINE TOUR BUS RETURNS 4:30 PM - COCKTAIL RECEPTION (Silent Auction, Raffle)

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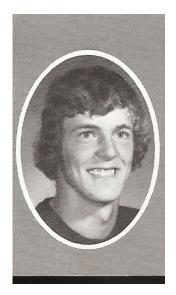
Prefer a tour of local wineries? You're in the right place! There are many award-winning wineries producing fine VQA wines in the Twenty Valley. Includes registration bbq, tour of Rockway Vineyards, lunch, shuttle bus tour of local wineries, dinner, and a thank-you gift.

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SAVE THE DATE! Let us know you plan to attend by emailing dgoodwin@ica.net



1971-1976 Alumni



# Who Is Mike Ford?

Mike's 5 years (1971-1976) at Lorne Park Secondary school saw him very active in athletics-playing football and basketball. Although he was a prime receiver for the Spartans-his true love was basketball with a prowess for shooting the rim off a basket. His high school athletic career culminated in his sharing the Athlete of the Year Award with teammates Dave Petrie and Stu Aird.

It was also during his high school years he pursued his passion for the water-an activity that would sooth after-effects of competitive battles on the gridiron and on the courts. This love of the water lead to his accomplishments in scuba diving.

After High School, he attended Western where he continued his athletic career earning a Bachelors degree in Physical Education. He eventually went on to Teacher's College at U of T which started his teaching profession.

After graduating, Mike met up with LPSS classmate, Doug Hart, and together they shared a condo, both embarking on life on their own away from home. During their 2 1/2 years together they played a lot of squash, racquetball and golf. It was also during this time that Mike started his teaching career working in King City. While taking a summer course at the U of T, Mike met MaryEllen, who he later married and had two sons together-Sean and Scott.

Mike's teaching career continued working in the business department at Gordon Graydon and his active participation in activities at the board level. He really enjoyed teaching business and law at Graydon and his greatest reward was seeing how much his students were learning.

Although Mike was a very intense and focused athlete on the football field and basketball court, wearing the Spartan colours of red and grey, off the field he was a very caring, fun loving and easy going guy. During his teaching career he was a very inspiring mentor using his humour and great wit. In September of 2007, Mike passed away, but his memory will never fade!

Above all, Mike was a very dedicated and loving husband and father and a loyal friend to all who knew him! Today we honour Mike and celebrate his life and his everlasting presence in all our lives!

The Mike Ford Memorial Golf Tournament proceeds help support three initiatives established in Mike's memory-, a trust fund for Mike and MaryEllen's children, an existing academic scholarship in Mike's name at Gordon Graydon Memorial Secondary School and The Mike Ford Memorial Sportsmanship Award at Lorne Park Secondary School.

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# Memories of the Premiere Class Era 1957 to 1964 - Fred Hilditch 1963

Port Credit Secondary School was founded in 1919 and was the first high school in south Peel. Our present building opened in 1963. Port Credit celebrated its 80th anniversary in May 2000. The school's motto is 'Lux Numquam Desit' which is Latin for .May The Light Never Fail.. The crest of Port Credit resembles the old light-house beacon at the mouth of the Credit River and is decorated in the school colours of royal blue and gold. PCSS's 90th Anniversary Reunion was celebrated May 1st 2010. In the early years of this century, high school was available only in Toronto, and students who lived in Port Credit had to travel all the way to Parkdale Collegiate if they wanted to continue their schooling beyond Grade 8. Shortly after World War I overcrowding become a concern. There was a movement in city schools to raise the fees of students living outside the district, or even to exclude them from attending altogether. Port Credit rate-payers agreed to construct a 5-room school on 3 acres of land to be shared by elementary and secondary students.





By 1919, the Port Credit Public School Board establishes its "Continuation School" on Forest Avenue. It consisted of 2 rooms and boasted 2 teachers: Mr. H. A. Doupe and Miss Leggott. All 22 students paid tuition fees! Although "First Form" was free, "Second Form" costs \$9.00, while "Third and Fourth Forms" set students back \$15.00 a year. The need for more space was soon apparent. In fact, because the school did not have an auditorium, drama students performed the 1922 production of A Midsummer Night's Dream at Clarke Hall. Lack of proper facilities also limited physical education classes. Basketball has to be played outside, weather permitting. Even baseball suffered, with games played on grounds that resemble a farmer's ploughed field. In 1926, a 6-room addition was added to accommodate ever-rising numbers. By 1928, the school growth jumps exponentially; there are 217 eager students and a dedicated staff of 6! The 1930s - Port Credit High School enters the Great Depression with a student population of 283 and 9 teachers on staff. Kids stay in school and numbers continue to rise. By the end of the decade there are over 400 students pursuing academics. Outside the classrooms students busy themselves with activities including the Glee Club, Dramatic Society and the 6-Piece Orchestra. Making its debut in 1930, Port Credit's Rugby Team competes in the "Lakeshore League" against Etobicoke, Mimico, Long Branch and Islington High Schools. The 1940s - The coming of World War II is understandably accompanied by a sharp decline in enrollment at Port Credit High School. The student population falls as low as 200. By the end of the war, as prosperity returns, Port Credit's numbers are once again on the rise. There are more than 500 students and over 20 teachers by 1947. On the playing fields and in the gyms, Mr. Nick Volpe and Mr. Frank Munro coach Port Credit to its share of victories, including championships in Girls' and Boys' Basketball, Rugby and Tumbling. The 1950s - Port Credit ushers in the fifties with 675 students and 23 teachers, but change is inevitable. By the middle of the decade the school population nearly doubles and Port Credit High quickly expands under a new name: Port Credit Secondary School. The creation of new schools like

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Graydon and Lome Park helps by diffusing students across the growing region. THE FIRE - The most drastic change comes on October 18, 1956 when fire engulfs the halls of the school. Although the hands of the school clock are stopped at 3:09 a.m., firefighters set the start of the blaze at least one hour earlier. Damage is incredible, as fire quickly destroys the auditorium, the main office, the guidance rooms and the science labs. More than 100 firemen from Port Credit, Cooksville, Lakeview and New Toronto struggle for 8 hours to bring the flames under control. When it's all over, eleven classrooms are ruined, including all the commercial rooms. The old wing is completely gutted and the new wing suffers smoke and water damage. The cost of damage is estimated at over \$500,000. The following Monday, students return to class with a few changes in their timetables. In order to house students until portables arrive, the schedule needs to be flexible. Grade 9's attend school on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Commercial students find space off school property at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church and Trinity Anglican Church. In a little over a month, things once again approach normal, as students return to the old 5-day-a-week timetable in new portables. Rebuilding is swift and by the spring of 1957 P.C.S.S. has a new face, both inside and out. With renovations, the building is large enough to accommodate 700 students. After The Fire...A new PCSS on Mineola Road East opens on May 13, 1963, with students walking up Hurontario from Forest Avenue in time to write their final exams. This move takes place with very little disturbance. Classes are dismissed an hour or so earlier than usual, enabling students to assist teachers with clearing files and packing up. The following morning, it's business as usual in the colourful new building. Picture on the town of Port Credit with Port Credit High School in the bottom and some other noticeable town buildings which or not be there now. The top of the picture is old REGENT refinery which is not there and went thru name and owner changes. The land now is vacant and contains contaminated soil that won't be correct in my life time. Although the shore part is a paved beautiful Mississauga Recreation nature walk way.



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My thoughts: 2010 Olympics . Woman's Hockey . Men do this in the dressing room but reporters aren't allowed in the woman's dressing room so the reporters asked them to come out. And they partied like any normal person. What is the matter with that?



Don (Berly) Berlinghoff LPSS '66. Fred-Just had the opportunity to read the LPSS January newsletter and view the pictures of the Port Credit bridge and the frozen Credit River-brings back some very cold memories. I just don't think it's fair that I have to live with these pictures 12 months of the year. LOL !!! All the best to everyone back up North and sure do enjoy reading all the updates in LPSS Matters !!!

Comments made in the year 1955! That's only 55 years ago! 'I'll tell you one thing, if things keep going the way they are, it's going to be impossible to buy a week's groceries for \$10.00. 'Have you seen the new cars coming out next year? It won't be long before \$1,000.00 will only buy a used one. 'If cigarettes keep going up in price, I'm going to quit. 20 cents a pack is ridiculous. 'Did you hear the post office is thinking about charging 7 cents just to mail a letter. 'If they raise the minimum wage to \$1.00, nobody will be able to hire outside help at the store. 'When I first started driving, who would have thought gas would someday cost 25 cents a gallon. Guess we'd be better off leaving the car in the garage. 'I'm afraid to send my kids to the movies any more Ever since they let Clark Gable get by with saying DAMN in GONE WITH THE WIND, it seems every new movie has either HELL or DAMN in it. 'I read the other day where some scientist thinks it's possible to put a man on the moon by the end of the century. They even have some fellows they call astronauts preparing for it down in Texas. 'Did you see where some baseball player just signed a contract for \$50,000 a year just to play ball? It wouldn't surprise me if someday they'll be making more than the President. 'I never thought I'd see the day all our kitchen applances would be electric. They are even making electric typewriters now. 'It's too bad things are so tough nowadays. I see where a few married women are having to work to make ends meet. 'It won't be long before young couples are going to have to hire someone to watch their kids so they can both work. 'I'm afraid the Volkswagen car is going to open the door to a whole lot of foreign business. 'Thank goodness I won't live to see the day when the Government takes half our income in taxes. I sometimes wonder if we are electing the best people to government. 'The drive-in restaurant is convenient in nice weather, but I seriously doubt they will ever

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catch on. 'There is no sense going on short trips anymore for a weekend, it costs nearly \$2.00 a night to stay in a hotel. 'No one can afford to be sick anymore, at \$15.00 a day in the hospital, it's too rich for my blood.' 'If they think I'll pay 30 cents for a hair cut, forget it. Know any friends who would get a kick out of these, pass this on! Be sure and send it to your kids and grand kids too!

Susan Pethick LPSS .62 - Subject: A White Sports Coat & a Pink Carnation - This is for those of us who admit to remembering those days!! Goto http://oldfortyfives.com/TakeMeBackToTheFifties.htm



Sue Bryan LPSS .62 - LEAVING BEHIND A THANK-YOU NOTE from the AMERICAN Brian Williams, NBC anchor and managing editor - After tonight's broadcast and after looting our hotel mini-bars, we're going to try to brave the blizzard and fly east to home and hearth, and to do laundry well into next week. Before we leave this thoroughly polite country, the polite thing to do is leave behind a thank-you note.

#### Thank you, Canada:

For being such good hosts.

For your unfailing courtesy.

For your (mostly) beautiful weather.

For scheduling no more than 60 percent of your float plane departures at the exact moment when I was trying to say something on television.

For not seeming to mind the occasional (or constant) good-natured mimicry of your accents.

For your unique TV commercials ~ for companies like Tim Hortons ~ which made us laugh and cry.

For securing this massive event without choking security, and without publicly displaying a single automatic weapon.

For having the best garment design and logo-wear of the games ~ you've made wearing your name a cool thing to do.

For the sportsmanship we saw most of your athletes display.

For not honking your horns. I didn't hear one car horn in 15 days ~ which also means none of my fellow New Yorkers

rented cars while visiting.

For making us aware of how many of you have been watching NBC all these years.

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WHISTLER, B.C. - 2010 Winter Games But that musical phenomenon known as "I Believe," the official anthem of Canada's Olympic Broadcast Media Consortium, may in fact provide the true legacy of the Games: another generation of Canadian kids who don't know me from you, nor their "I" from a hole in their head. "I believe in the power of you and I," 16-year-old Nikki Yanofsky sings repeatedly, a refrain that's been employed as the soundtrack to just about every conceivable sporting situation in these Games. The song has been No. 1 on iTunes Canada's playlist for 13 straight days and has spawned an unanticipated merchandising bonanza for the broadcasters. Yanofsky's vocals are flawless, but not the lyrics. "For some reason, polite Canadians do not seem to think that 'me' is acceptable," says Joanne Buckley, a professor at the Centre for Student Development at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ont., and one of the country's preeminent grammarians. "Of course, we grammarians know that the words should be 'believe in the power of you and me' since 'of' is a preposition and takes an object."

#### LPSS Comments:

- For me that is one of the hardest bits of grammar to keep straight I tend to mix the I & me often it's a moot point as far as I am concerned! But I do think Buckley has a good thought I agree that some of the mix-up could be "Canadian politeness"
- I'm glad I'm not the only person who hates the disappearance of the word 'me' as an object. Maybe it started when 'the me generation' became a pejorative term. To recognize the error, all you have to do is remove the other object from the sentence. Change, 'He gave the book to my sister and I' to 'He gave the book to I'. However, what is the difference between the T.S. Eliot line, 'Let us go then, you and I,', and "It's true we'll make a better day, just you and me."? I believe the Eliot line is the correct grammar; 'You and I' describe the subject. It is you and I who will go, not you and me will go, and similarly you and I will change the world. Those who have not learned grammar in school probably don't see the error. Others think the language is evolving and if the meaning is clear, who cares; but it grates on my nerves.
- First of all, I don't think the Canadian athletes are underperforming at the Olympics. Secondly, the song "I Believe" is a great song regardless of that line in the lyrics. Or should I say Irregardless
- Definitely it is wrong. In this case it is straight-forward. You have to use "me" when it is the object of the preposition "of". No ifs, ands or buts. Lots of times in songs people use incorrect grammar to make it rhyme or to fit the number of syllables in the rhythm scheme.
- Poetic licence!!!! from a friend

Phil Errett LPSS 64 - A Mother.s Wisdom - My mother taught me I can relate to each item, can you? 1 TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE "If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning."

- 2. RELIGION. "You better pray that will come out of the carpet."
- 3. TIME/TRAVEL."If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"
- 4. LOGIC. "Because I said so, that's why."
- 5. MORE LOGIC. "If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me."
- 6. FORESIGHT. "Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."
- 7. IRONY. "Keep crying and I'll give you something to cry about."
- 8. the science of OSMOSIS. "Shut your mouth and eat your supper."
- 9. CONTORTIONISM. "Will you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!"
- 10. STAMINA. "You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."

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- 11. WEATHER. "This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it."
- 12. HYPOCRISY. "If I told you once, I've told you a million times. Don't exaggerate!"
- 13. CIRCLE OF LIFE. "I brought you into this world, and I can take you out."
- 14. BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION. "Stop acting like your father!"
- 15. ENVY. "There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do."
- 16. ANTICIPATION. "Just wait until we get home."
- 17. RECEIVING. "You are going to get it when you get home!"
- 18. MEDICAL SCIENCE. "If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they are going to get stuck that way."
- 19. ESP. "Put your sweater on; don't you think I know when you are cold?"
- 20. HUMOR. "When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."
- 21. HOW TO BECOME AN ADULT. "If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up."
- 22. GENETICS. "You're just like your father."
- 23. ROOTS. "Shut that door behind you. Do you think you were born in a barn?"
- 24. WISDOM. "When you get to be my age, you'll understand."
- 25. JUSTICE. "One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you!"

**Don** (Berly) Berlinghoff LPSS '66 - ROBBIE LANE AND THE DISCIPLES COLLAGE Did these guys ever play at Stevie's? In some sort of drunken déjà vu-I remember this song from a universe long ago and galaxies far away.. Or am I just remembering Capt Kirk?? Who knows-but a damn catchy tune. **Steve Headford LPSS .65** - Absolutely did play at our dances! A big hit and Robbie is still playing bars around Toronto

Ally (Sandy) Koohtow (Kerr) LPSS .62- So here's the email where I tell you all about what I am working on. My program at Ryerson is hosting a super event called Silver Screens Arts Festival. It is a week long celebration of connection, engagement and learning for the 50 plus in continuing education. I hope you can take some time to look at the program.....it is really fabulous. Some of our guest speakers include Ann Medina (she of former CBC journalism fame and now on the History channel), Margaret Wente who writes for the Globe and Mail, the Honourable Bob Rae, Gerald Caplan who wrote a fabulous treatise about The Betrayal of Africa, and many others. In addition, we will have a film weekend of international films through TIFF (Toronto International Film Festival) opening on Friday evening with Prom Night in Mississippi (with Morgan Freeman) and with its producer Paul Saltzman as guest and two films each on the Saturday and Sunday all with guests from the films screened. If that is not enough, we also have a wonderful fun evening of Fashions (created by recent Ryerson Fashion School grads who design for the 'mature' figure), men's fashions by The Bay and custom made jewelry that is absolutely out of this world in originality and price!! AND theatre - 9 one act plays 6 of which are written, directed and acted by adults 50 plus in one of my programs. Not to mention a week long photo exhibit at the Commerce court, and art work and books written .....and workshops, and.....too much to mention lots to choose from and enjoy, I promise. AND prices are very, very reasonable. Take a look at our website www.silverscreens.ca and scroll through the program and the calendar at a glance. It would be so great if you could join me ~ I know you would have a ball ~ for those of you outside the city you could even make a weekend of it!

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Pat Moore LPSS .64. This was what we woke up to this morning, May 29th! We have well over 6 inches, so far. So much for Spring. So for those of you who are sweltering out East, come on out and cool down in Alberta! Our lilac bushes were hanging down just about to the side walk, so I went out to shake the very wet snow off of them. Some trees have come down because of the weight of the snow. Lots of fun! Great for building snow men!



**High School Exam**, 4 correct to pass. I have the answers. Answers require research! Marna & I (me) got Zero correct. (Passing requires 4 correct answers)

- 1) How long did the Hundred Years' War last?
- 2) Which country makes Panama hats?
- 3) From which animal do we get cat gut?
- 4) In which month do Russians celebrate the October Revolution?
- 5) What is a camel's hair brush made of?
- 6) The Canary Islands in the Pacific are named after what animal?
- 7) What was King George VI's first name?
- 8) What color is a purple finch?
- 9) Where are Chinese gooseberries from?
- 10) What is the color of the black box in a commercial airplane?

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BACK ROW: Left to Right; Peter Harvey, Don Youngman, Adrian Bassett, Doug Smith, Paul Newman. MIDDLE ROW: Norman Nattrass, Bob Christie, David Beattie, Bob Grant, Geff Robinson. FRONT ROW: Mary Noakes, Marilyn Bell, Freda Law, Margot

Willadsen, Jane Anstee, Lynda Walmsley, Janet Mitchell, Absent: Ray Duguay, Robert Moore, Janet Philpott, David Root, Lenore Sawyer.

Peter Harvey LPSS .64 - Class photo from Lorne Park circa 1959. I'm the guy at the top left. Can anyone identify any of these folks and give an update? (Larry Gimmel comes to mind for the top middle guy?) I sent him the above with names as you can see but I didn.t send an update. Well thanks Fred. Was that from a yearbook or something like it? You know, I only attended Lorne Park for a short time, and didn't know folks very well or deeply, yet as I look at the faces, I can feel their personalities. Now that I see the names, I remember them all also....amazing! Can you update Peter? Send your replies to me.

Port Credit: A Vibrant Heritage - Throughout its history, Port Credit has been inexorably connected to the ebb and flow of the activity around the harbour. The story of Port Credit begins long before the arrival of non-Native settlers. Archaeological evidence suggests that both Iroquoian and Algonkian-speaking peoples were attracted to the Credit River Valley over a period of thousands of years. By 1700 the Ojibwa, an Algonkian tribe, had driven the Iroquois from the North Shore of Lake Ontario, and a group of Ojibwa, known as the Mississaugas, had settled around the mouth of the Credit River. The Mississaugas themselves referred to the river as .Missinihe. or .Trusting Water., but the river came to be known as the Credit River, a name derived from the custom of trading on credit. The British Crown established a trading post and Government Inn on the east bank of the Credit River around 1798. On August 2nd, 1805, at the mouth of the Credit River, the Mississaugas signed a land treaty with the British Crown. The Mississaugas reserved a one-mile strip of land on either side of the River (currently running from Rhododendron Gardens to Hiawatha Park), including what would become the Village of Port Credit.

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Land within this Credit Indian Reserve was conveyed to the Crown in 1820. Old Port Credit Village was surveyed in 1835, with streets laid out on the west side of the River. Construction of a harbour began almost immediately. In 1847, the Mississaugas, whose numbers had been severely reduced by disease, relocated to the New Credit Reserve near Brantford, Ontario. The departure of the Natives opened up the Credit River to commercial expansion and Port Credit went through a period of tremendous economic growth as a harbour. This prosperous period ended in the mid-1850s as a result of both a great fire, which destroyed the west end of the harbour, and the construction of the Grand Trunk and Great Western Railways, which diverted commerce away from the village. Towards the end of the century, the stonehooking trade kept the port alive, and Port Credit slowly began to recover. The arrival of the St. Lawrence Starch Company, in 1889, and other large industries, such as the Port Credit Brickyard, revitalized Port Credit.s economy. Port Credit soon became a shopping area for tourists and travellers. Port Credit became a police village in 1909 and was formally incorporated as a village in 1914. Port Credit acquired Town status in 1961 and was amalgamated into the City of Mississauga in 1974. Many Port Credit landmarks also survive, helping to connect modern Port Credit to its historical roots, including First United Church, St. Mary.s Star-of-the-Sea Roman Catholic Church, Clarke Hall, the historic Wilcox Inn is preserved as a private family home, the Masonic Lodge, the old dairy, the Vogue Theatre, the Dutch Kitchen, the post office, and many others.

Thanks to: Pat, Sandra, Don x2, Marna, Peter, Susan, Ally, Phil & Sue



# <u>1965—1969</u>

# Writer Required!!!!!!

If you graduated between 1965 & 1969, love to write, have fond memories of your time at LPSS have I got a fun and inspiring non-paying job for YOU!!!

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# Greetings!

How is everyone? I trust you're enjoying the summer and all of its offerings. Cottaging, golfing and motorcycle rides. Maybe some outdoor music concerts.

We didn't have much of a spring. We went up to the cottage in May and had a complete range of weather. Snow, rain and hail. The weather didn't seem to deter the bugs though. The day we left, we were chased to the car by black flies. Nasty little buggers.

We've been enjoying the summer. A few weeks ago we went up to Casino Rama to see Peter Frampton's Guitar Circus. What a blast. The Robert Cray band opened and Don Felder was featured as a special guest. He came out with a Gibson double-necked 12 string and wowed the crowd with a great rendition of Hotel California.

Great show, fantastic venue. We'll be returning on August 17<sup>th</sup> for the Rock 'n' Blues Fest. I am unable to say no to a show that features: Ten Years After, Edgar Winter Band, Canned Heat, Rick Derringer & Pat Travers

Last week we spent an extended weekend on Pelee Island. It's a beautiful spot and perfect if you just want to relax. Not a lot to do there, but there is a very nice winery. And yes, several bottles followed me home.

We're looking forward to some more trips up to Muskoka, some BBQ's and some family get togethers. Hey, we live in Canada; we need to celebrate the summer.

In the meantime, I have finished the final draft on my book and will be looking to find an agent to see if there is any interest in publishing. Now that would be cool. For now though, I am moving on to my next book.

If you're looking to read some stories by new and unpublished authors, you should check out **Wattpad**. It's an on-line book-sharing web site started up by some friends of mine. It's a change for me. As you may have guessed, I'm more of an analog guy who prefers a printed book. But I can incorporate this into my life, I think.

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# Re-Connecting

I heard from of couple of folks since the last edition. Please don't be shy. I do enjoy hearing from you.

As always, I try to make a point of answering all emails in a timely manner. If you are so inclined please connect with me on Facebook, Twitter (@ChefFergus), Google+ or LinkedIn.

It's a great way to keep up to date with people.

# Our Culture

Still enjoying my analog world. Listening to the warmth (along with snap, crackle and pop) of my vinyl.

Seems I'm not the only one. I went to a sale where there was over 100 vendors and the place was rammed with people flipping through records. What a great time and many thanks to our eminent Editor for letting me know about it. (Although my wife wasn't happy about how much money I spent). All good though.

Well that's it for now; please feel free to email me with questions, requests, and ideas, and please find time to donate blood. It's in you to give.

Again, if you're so inclined, there are a group of us on **Facebook** who speak on a regular basis.

Peace, Ross July 2013

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What was it like when you went to highschool, compared to now?





# Hi Everyone!

I am excited to be a part of "LPSS Matters". I have enjoyed reading the wonderful articles over the years and I want to extend my thanks and congratulations to Chris for taking on the responsibility to get it up and running again.

I will be contributing with a quarterly article entitled "Every Now and Then", based on the changes from the days I attended high school to how it is in this day and age.

I have lots of ideas and have met with some wonderful people: including the current principal of Lorne Park, Mr. Kent Armstrong, who was kind enough to invite me to an assembly and provided me a private tour before responding to a barrage of questions I had for him. I would like to extend my personal thanks for his time and kindness.

Due to a personal delay, my first column will be in October and I hope to take you down memory lane with me.

If you would like to contact me with story ideas or comments on how you think high school has changed over the years, I would love to hear from you – even if to just say hello.

You can find me on Facebook or email me directly at <a href="mailto:janetp.lpss@gmail.com">janetp.lpss@gmail.com</a>

Best regards to everyone and have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Janet Parliament (Price)





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# We Remember... always in our thoughts



Our Science Teacher

Mr. Michael Bevan

(March 26, 1920 - August 6, 2011)



Our French Teacher Lynne Mary Davis September 26, 1946 – January 12, 2011







Our Alumnus
Bruce McLeod
Graduate 1968
January 3, 1950 May 12, 2013



# We Remember...

# Gord Proulx ('71 Grad)

(March 17, 1951 -June 30, 2013)



Gordon Edward Alexander Lucien Joseph Proulx was born on St. Patrick's Day (March 17th) in 1951 somewhere in Quebec (possibly Montreal). The family moved to the Lorne Park area (off Bexhill Road to be exact) in 1964. His father, Eddie was a director of K-Mart Canada and his mother, Anne, was an Canadian art promoter/dealer. He has two younger brothers, Russell and Ron who are both LPSS alumni and currently reside in Montreal and Toronto respectively.

His first year in an Ontario school was at St. Christopher's in Clarkson just before graduating to LPSS. That summer I met him (I lived in the neighbourhood) and we started a "rock" band with Russell and some others from St. Christopher's. Our musical connection would continue through LPSS with the formation of Quebus (who played at the Variety show). Gord and I were rarely in the same classes as we went through LPSS but we managed to meet up in the smoking area or the student lounge. He was high energy and very business focused (like his dad) and he loved the ladies. Out of school we would play our music in Gord's basement (very understanding parents) and did the occasional "gigs" in the area. There are some interesting party stories there (who remembers the pseudo-fraternity. Snappa-Kappa?). One of those occasions was a birthday party for a well off teenage girl named Joy Crysdale. Gord had to go out with her (more later)

After LPSS it was into Toronto and Ryerson Business school to become a Certified Accountant (CA). I ended up living with him in St. James town (it was a little better then) with another CA student (Larry something?). He graduated, married Joy and started working for Peat Marwick Mitchell to get his CA hours. He specialized in corporate tax and would later start his first business G2 Enterprises with another CA, Gord Murray around 1981. He called on me to come in as his computer "geek" as I had just graduated into my second career as a computer programmer analyst. Business was good, but the two Gord's went their separate ways and Gord Proulx created his legacy... Quebus Business Solutions. Quebus would be corporate tax and computer support for all his clients. Gord was so focused at that time that he bought a new software product on Friday and by Monday had created a complete accounting solution for any business that included a client database, form letters, full accounting reports and electronic communication capabilities. Remember this was at a time before the internet. Business was good, but Gord wanted more. He sent me on my way to my own business in 1986 and he went where he wanted.

I kept in touch sporadically after that as he was my tax accountant as well. He did business from homes in Toronto and up north, he and Joy had divorced and at some point he headed west. He ended up in Whistler B.C. with a home and two chalets on Blackcomb. He loved to ski and had a good investment business head when it came to making money from leisure.

We drifted apart over the years, but he epitomized the song phrase... "It is better to burn out, than to fade away"

Thanks for the memories

Tom McCartney ('71 Grad)

# Letter From The Editor



#### editor@lpssmatters.com



#### Hello All,

Are you enjoying this beautiful hot summer weather? Of course not, but this certainly beats the torrential rain that poured down upon us on Monday, July 8th 2013. It caused power failures, flooded basements and backyards and streets in Mississauga and Toronto, especially some major highways, like the Don Valley Parkway turning them into swimming pools for cars, the occupants abandoning them to swim to safety. One woman I watched on the news was in tears not because her personal belongings were destroyed, but was heartbroken because her wedding photos were ruined and irreplaceable. A friend of mine became homeless because she arrived home from work and found her entire basement apartment waist deep in water. She lost everything, such as her mother's oil paintings and precious family photos! Stop for a bit and think of those recouping their losses. Now that the torrential rain is out of the way, the beautiful summer weather is here, but we've been cleaning up the mess in 32 degrees! Very humid.

On much more of a somber note, earlier this year from another's prodding on Facebook, was to plan a school reunion. Not a highschool reunion per se, but a 40th Class reunion for Whiteoaks Public School, the one I attended here in Mississauga, Ontario from 1970 to 1976 and there's quite a vested interest in it. I found in planning a reunion, that there was a 20 percent success rate of locating alumni. I used Facebook, but attempts to contact them were unsuccessful. I sent e-mails to others and had no response. I called some and no call back. Some were nowhere to be found or MIA, but those I did talk to said to me "When is it?" About a few weeks ago, there was this one desire to locate a particular classmate of mine that I had a friendship with back in the 1970s and I lost touch with for 35 years. His name was Kenny Koken. I remembered he had a humourous side, an infectious laugh that we all loved to duplicate over the years and a smile that would light up a room. We used to play together at recess and I joined him for lunch at his house. It was a great time.

Last week, I decided that I'd make contact with Kenny to let him know about the class reunion, so the only way I knew how was to contact his brother in Greenville, South Carolina, an LP '74 Grad by the name of Bob Koken. The telephone introduction went well, but Bob told me that Kenny passed away in 1999 of a heart condition. He was 35. I was heartbroken. I was fifteen years too late. So, instead of a call to connect with my old school chum, it turned into a time of sorrow and heartfelt reminiscing for fourteen minutes with his brother. I told him, "I am so sorry I lost touch with Kenny for so long to reconnect. I can't believe he's gone. "Bob told me that Kenny lived in Sarasota, Florida and worked as an accountant before he passed away. The conversation went well and after this call, I immediately wrote in the Facebook "40th Whiteoaks Public School Class Reunion" Group that Kenny had passed away and of my sadness. Most wrote back to say thank you and others said that they remembered Kenny. One of his other classmates mentioned that Kenny never spoke back to teachers and never complained. That was Kenny. Never a dull moment with him. He was so kind and gentle.

# Letter From The Editor



#### editor@lpssmatters.com



I'd like to share with you all a personal e-mail that Kenny's brother, Bob Koken, sent me this week and to let you in on the type of person Kenny Koken was.

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#### July 15, 2013:

Chris, sorry it's taken so long for me to get back to you. I've been trying to get my brother, Peter, to reactivate a memorial website he created for Ken back in 2000. When he gets if done ~ if he can ~ I'll forward that link to you.

Anyways, attached is a scan of Ken's obituary.

In brief, Ken moved to Scarsdale, N.Y., with my Dad and late stepmother in 1977, where they resided for more than 3 years. He graduated from high school there.

When they moved back to Toronto, he took some courses at (or so I recollect) Humber College. He traveled extensively with my folks ~ Egypt, India, Germany, France, Great Britain, China, Scandinavia among some of the destinations abroad ~ both while in Toronto and then while living outside of Sarasota, Fla.

He was passionate about movies, but especially loved comedies ~ as would befit someone with a great sense of humor (sorry for my Americanized spelling). He also loved music, and was a sports fanatic ~ going to a Grey Cup game or two, a couple of Super Bowls, and many baseball games in Toronto as well as Grapefruit League games in Sarasota.

Ken was an inspiration to many people who watched him compete in a variety of events, despite his physical impairments. He was an outstanding ping pong player, and played pool competitively in Florida. He once came up to spend a few days with me (driving in his deep blue Mazda Miata convertible) to play in a pool tournament here in Greenville, S.C.

Perhaps he was most passionate when it came to golf, and to date is the only member of our family to score a hole-in-one.

He lived with my folks until his death, but had a job, a girlfriend for awhile, attempted to start a business (pool hall/bar/restaurant ~ no surprise); and collected literally countless friends. He hobnobbed with "the rich and famous" for many years, but truly found deep and lasting friendships with everyday people.

For his 30th birthday, we all joined him in Las Vegas for a few days of fun and frolic, gambled a bit, and took him to the Palomino Club in an effort to turn him to "the dark side." But there was no dark side to Ken. Everyone who knew him, smiled. Just a great guy with an infectious laugh.

# Letter From The Editor







At his funeral, a blind, black piano player at the back of the chapel, played a few contemporary tunes both jazz and rock, including I think something by The Doors.

Before interment in the mausoleum at Sarasota Memorial Park, a bagpiper played "Amazing Grace." Not a dry eye could be found I tell you.

Anyways, Chris, I hope this update helps, and that you can share it with some of the guys who remember him from Whiteoaks.

I'll send you the link I mentioned earlier, if possible.

Regards, Bob Koken ('74 LP Grad)

That was Kenny, a man who lived everyday to the fullest. I've actually been inspired to do the same thing. Just live for the moment and to all of the others from Whiteoaks Public school who knew Kenny Koken back then, as well as some of his closest friends like Glenn Petersen and a kid we knew named Ted Kennedy, I know this is short notice, if you're reading this, the Whiteoaks Public School 40th Class Reunion is at 6pm, August 24th at TEN Restaurant in Mississauga.

Here's to you, Kenny.

Chris Kup ('85) Editor LPSS Matters





My Gr. 3 Class Photo at Whiteoaks Public School. Kenny Koken (in burgundy, bottom right) and I (top left in orange), Mrs. Moffatt's class.

# LETTERS & E-MAIL

#### John Collins <collinsjohn331@gmail.com>

Jul 9 (1 day ago)

Hi there,

I'm hoping an alumni member can help me find someone whom I went to high school with back in the day.

She graduated in 1967 - her name is Penelope (Penny) Wilson. I hear she may be married now...

I'm hoping someone knows what her name is now and have any sort of contact information for her, I want to find out that she's doing ok.

Thank you and kind regards,

John Collins

#### Robin Agnew R.agnew121@live.com via fulgura.websitewelcome.com

Apr 5

Message From Robin Agnew through the LPSSMatters Volunteers page.

I am trying to Find Anthony Burgess, the principal @ LPSS 69-73. Those were the years I attended LPSS, synonymous with the our involvement with Vietnam? Anthony Burgess (Sp?) was from a St. Catherines, On. Seminary, His Photo Still Hangs on the Churches wall.

He was the principal when Corporal punishment existed.

Captain Robin Matthew E Agnew

Formerly Residing at Ruscombe Close. Cayente Place and Birchview Drive (Milne Sisters)

Cheers

If I do not receive a response as Ross Murrison would say

"I am Being Hacked IP address wise..."



# LETTERS & E-MAIL

From: biz bros <br/>
Siz@dccnet.com>
Date: Sun, Feb 17, 2013 at 5:25 PM

Subject: Volume 6 Issue 4 Oct 2006 - Obit - Ulf Cameron Leyner

To: Editor@lpssmatters.com

I recently learned of Ooey's (as I knew him) death. We were old friends in Vancouver during his years there.

I was hoping to make contact with his family.

If you have any contact with them perhaps you could pass on my name and address and if they care to contact me then they may do so. If not then I still would like to pass on my condolences'.

Thank you,

Elizabeth Waldorf (nee: Bizzy Brown)

biz@dccnet.com

(Address withheld)

If you know the Leyner's, please contact the editor at LPSS Matters for the address

From Nancy Bracey—80's Graduate bracey.nancy@googlemail.com via fulgura.websitewelcome.com

Apr 19

Message From Nancy Bracey through the LPSSMatters Volunteers page.

I am class of '80 graduate who went on to Western then moved to England for 21 years. Am back in Canada and researching a book about Canadian identity as seen from the expat point of view. I am looking for Canadians who are living abroad to interview as research for my book. Is there any way I could put a call out for anyone who might be interested in participating? All interviews are completely anonymous.

Many thanks,

Nancy Bracey



# Where are They Now?



# The Class Of 1974

#### A Question was posed to me:

"I've often wondered what happened to many of the old crowd from my graduating class, though I seldom read much about them in LPSS Matters.

A lot of good and interesting people passed through those Lorne Park doors ~ Geoff and Mike Brown, Phil Holloway, Greg Lohnes, Mitch Fasken, Wendy Abel, Chris Brydges, Cathy Shipp, Deb Ward, Cheryl Gregory, Paul Ford, Gary Dinan, Kim Hughesby, Mike (or Dave?) Putnam. We lost some of them, I know ~ during school and later on ~ but it would be nice to see a "Where are They Now?" of my Class of '74. Easier said than done, I know!"

I wasn't friends with many of them, although I still remember their faces as if it were yesterday. "

So, how about it? Do you know these '74 LP Grads or know anyone who knows them? Are you from the Class of 74? We will have a special "Where Are They Now?" section in the October 2013 issue of LPSS Matters.

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# ALUMNIINPUT



Many alumni have asked for updates on fellow students. There have been a lot of re-quests for information, and many offers to help. LPSS Matters is written by LPSS alumni for LPSS alumni. We need volunteers to help with the information gathered for each issue of LPSS Matters. Each volunteer would take a block of years from which he or she would provide highlights of graduates from that era. We need volunteers who graduated during the following blocks of years, and would communicate with and report back on graduates of those vears:



1965—1969 1990—1999 2000—2009

Please contact LPSS Matters, editor@lpssmatters.com.

The pay is below minimum wage, but the satisfaction is well worth it. Another area that alumni can help out is providing input to LPSS Matters. Old newspaper clippings, scrapbook articles and photos would provide an excellent source of LPSS history for our newsletter and there are most likely numerous other sources for long forgotten trivia.

Please forward articles, scanned photos, etc. to

# editor@lpssmatters.com

Finally, as stated earlier, LPSS Matters is written by LPSS alumni for LPSS alumni. That means YOU! Your input or submissions would be most appreciated. We'd be interested in any number of items, including such things as career information (so far we've heard about selecting a colour scheme for your home, strategic RRSP investing and life as a professional athlete), interesting facts about the country or city where you live, plus any other items you think fellow graduates might be interested in hearing about. Please send to:

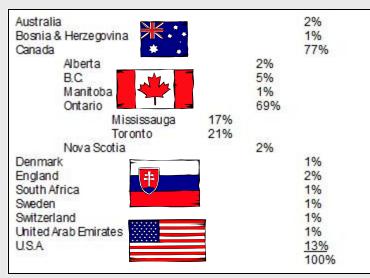
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# Where In The World Are You?

Where alumni were asked where they lived, these were the results:







Really looking forward to the next edition and the opportunity to share with all alumni the neat and great things LPSS grads have been up to. See you in few short months and as always thanks, thanks to Maknet for the great work they do to keep our website up to date and to get the news about the news to all of us.

#### Editor-LPSS Matters



Until October 2013!