



Alere Flamman

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Celebrating the Life of Barrie Laughton

Cameron Hughes (1990)

He was my guy. He was your guy. He was everyone's guy. Picture the teacher, leader, or camp director who made the biggest impact on your life. The influence that was always there, encouraging you without fanfare, through the good and the bad. The person who inspired you to be you, to try, to fail, to try again, and to live with an abundance of spirit. And he did it all with that smile.

At the heart of it, Barrie Laughton was an educator. He taught Geography, coached volleyball, became a career counsellor, and advised the Student's Council. In summers, he was director at Camp Tawingo, north of Toronto. He was my guy there as well. He was your guy at camp. He made you believe.

When I was dealing with my mother's loss, he was there. When I became student Co-President, he was there. But he was more than there. He was a calming, subtle, and spirited force. He let me do me. He let all of the leaders be. He was the one at our leadership camps who'd roll his eyes at us if we were being dumbasses. It was enough to know we needed to smarten up. It helped everyone grow, evolve, and become the best version of themselves.

My time with Barrie when I visited



LISGAR CHAMPION: Barrie Laughton (1961, teacher 1968-2000) passed away in August.

Ottawa meant so much. We'd sift through old yearbooks, reminiscing, laughing, and being so grateful for moments past and present. It was so heartwarming to be able to always keep the Lisgar flame burning. Now, the flame for everyone Barrie ever met burns brighter. It will always be in us. It will never leave.

Let's all celebrate the outstanding educators in our lives. Let them know. I always told Barrie. Thank you, Coach Laughton, advisor Barrie, friend Barrie, my guy. I love you. We love you. ■

*Doug Arrand
(1961, teacher 1967-2000)*

When I think back on my years at Lisgar, I realize how fortunate I was to teach with such wonderfully brilliant and dedicated colleagues. Recently, I attended a celebration of life for Barrie Laughton—and I truly mean a celebration. I realized after the event why so many were celebrating him: every activity Barrie took on during his life became a celebration for all who shared it with him. Whether

it was in the classroom, coaching volleyball, advising Student's Council, working at Camp Tawingo, putting on Lisgar assemblies, or assisting with school stage productions, the joy and enthusiasm he brought through his trademark energy and humour would energize everyone to engage and pitch in. And he was never one to criticize or shame anyone, because he could always find the good in everyone.

A group of Lisgar's student leaders approached some teachers including Barrie after the 1984 reunion with a request to recreate an alumni association. Barrie and I, along with some others, agreed to establish the current association—now part of his legacy. At about the same time, a group of teachers led by Vice Principal Bob Ferguson reestablished the Lisgar Fund, which has been so successful raising money for school and alumni projects. Barrie served on its board.

Barrie was a private person and never let his various health issues, some of which were very serious, ever affect his high energy performance in every responsibility he assumed. He was a lifelong learner and quietly over the years studied and achieved his master's degree on top of all his duties.

I had the pleasure of working closely with Barrie in the Counselling department, our offices being side by side, and was amazed and impressed day after day by his love of people and desire to assist everyone who came to him. During that time, I had a chance to get to know him well, and also his family—because family was everything to Barrie. I am convinced that his legacy will live on in his students and children. And I will celebrate every day that I had this terrific gentleman as my friend and colleague. ■

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Members' Forum

The son of Lois Leadlay (Bourne, 1952) e-mailed to let us know his mother had passed away. He noted: She was very fond of Lisgar, and I am confident her time there represented some of the best memories of her life. I went with her to a reunion in the 1990s and could really sense her excitement of returning "home." Whenever the family is in Ottawa, we make a point to pass by the school to say "hi" to the buildings for mum. That will have special meaning for us now. Please give her plaque on the auditorium chair and the one in the foyer a polish for us. I know she was proud to have gone there and to be part of the legacy going forward.

The daughter of Rhoda Bodnoff (Torontow, 1956) e-mailed to let us know her mother had passed away. She wrote: My mom so loved her time at Lisgar and attended most of the reunions. For the last one, in 2018, I took her to walk around as she was not able to attend the full reunion. She went to Ottawa Teachers College and taught for several years. I heard lots of stories from her time at Lisgar and being there at the same time as Rich Little and Adrienne Poy Clarkson.

Nancy Marley-Clarke (Griffith, 1965) e-mailed from Calgary: It was so interesting reading through the latest newsletter and seeing the names of

many I knew when I was there. Sad to see a few deaths of old chums. Although I was a decent athlete, I wanted to be a cheerleader like my cousins before me—guess this was pre-women's lib. Go figure! I remember the try-outs in the gym with Miss Lee judging us. It was nerve-racking as the field narrowed. I started as "S" and worked my way up to "L" as head cheerleader.

Patsy Agard (Principal 2015-2022) has bid farewell to Lisgar and been named President of the Ontario Principals' Council. The Council is the professional association representing practising principals and vice-principals in Ontario's publicly funded schools. When asked what she would miss most about Lisgar, she answered: The staff, the students, the community. I always say to people that the students at Lisgar, there's just a kindness about everybody. You know, people are always in a good mood, they are kind to each other, and accepting of each other. It's just a really great environment to be in.

Many alumni shared comments on Facebook on the passing of Paul O'Connor (teacher 1996-2012). Samantha Franks (2001) wrote: What incredibly sad news. Mr. O'Connor was a brilliant teacher, warm, funny, and caring. Shealyn Visser (MacDougall, 2007) wrote: Mr. O'Connor was such an encouraging,



CARING MUSIC TEACHER: Paul O'Connor (teacher 1996-2012) passed away in June.

joyful educator with a love of teaching and music. *Julie Whitney (Gibson, 2002) wrote: Mr. O'Connor was a kind, encouraging teacher. His enthusiasm for music made class fun and interesting. Richard Fang (2012) wrote: Mr. O'Connor was one of my favourite teachers of all time and I still have fond memories of his classes.*

Emeka Njoku (1973) has returned to Canada following an extended time in Nigeria, where she was volunteering as Canadian consultant to health organizations and groups. She wrote: My African friends and staff love reading the newsletter and hearing about Lisgar Collegiate as the best of the best high school on planet Earth. I was blessed and grateful to be at Lisgar after surviving as a child soldier during the bloody Nigeria-Biafra War (1966-70). Everyone, both teachers and fellow students, were awesome, especially Mr. David Lamperd. I would wake up at 4:30 AM wanting to go to school. I was like a kid in a candy store!

Deane Stinson (1948) wrote in to nominate a classmate for the Athletic Wall of Fame and shared: Both my mother, Clara Edna Acres, and father-in-law, Richard Paynter, attended Lisgar. By the time I was in high school, my parents were living in Osgoode so I took the train to Ottawa daily for grade 11 and was always 20 minutes late arriving. Jonny Dunlop



PUBLIC EDUCATION LEADER: Patsy Agard (Principal 2015-2022) has been named President of the Ontario Principals' Council.

In Memoriam

- ABRAHAM, Solomon (2000)
- ARMSTRONG, Joan (Biberovich, 1952)
- BODNOFF, Rhoda (Torontow, 1956)
- BOWEN, Gerald (1942)
- BROWNE, Christopher (1988)
- COLERIDGE, Frances (Cashen, 1946)
- CROSS, Pamela (McCullough, 1948)
- DANARD, Charles (1969)
- EDWARDS, Wallace "Wally" (1975)
- EVANS, Marguerite (1964)
- FELKER, Donald (1944)
- GOW, Dorothy (Wilson, 1949)
- HARDY, Margaret (Lewis, 1954)
- HEENEY, Fred (1957)
- HILL, Michael (1965)
- HOGAN, Jim (1972)
- INGRAM, Paul (1952)
- JONES, Avenel (Harris, 1937)
- KINGSLEY, Lambertus "Bert" (Strankinga, 1963)
- KIRBY, Bruce (1949)
- LANTHIER, Rejean "Reg" (1961)
- LAUGHTON, Barrie (1961, teacher 1968-2000)
- LEADLAY, Lois (Bourne, 1952)
- LEASK, Lucy "Patte" (Grant, 1946)
- LE NEVEU, Arthur "Art" (1952)
- MACARTHUR, Gloria (1966)
- MACARTHUR, Peter (1955)
- MACDONALD-DEWHIRST, Portia (MacDonald-Chaffey, 1988)
- MANN, Ruby "Beth" (McKay, 1956)
- MCALLISTER, Russell (1946)
- MCILRATH, Duncan (1974)
- MCLAINE, Peter (1953)
- MELVIN, Janet (teacher 1982-1986, 1987-1988)
- O'CONNOR, Paul (teacher 1996-2000, 2001-2012)
- PALLET, Kenneth (1941)
- POAPS, Lucy (Connelly, 1947)
- SANGSTER, Cecylia "Chip" (Podoski, 1962)
- SMALL, Darell Ford (teacher, 1981-1982, 1991-1998)
- ZOBS, Inta (Sipolins, 1975)

was there waiting for me. I was in 11B with Dorothy Bishop and 30 or more boys who were always trying to make her angry. But she held her place and we admired her courage and good humour. In 1948 I was in 13A and had

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BIG BOAT: Josh King (2011), who won the first Men's Pair rowing title for Lisgar, now representing Canada in the Men's Eight. The team reached the A final at the 2022 World Rowing Championships.

a spare mid-morning so I'd alternate between attending Question Period at the Parliament Buildings or sitting in the gymnasium watching Bill Herbst practising basketball. He was amazing and was there every day.

Calla Fireman (1968) wrote along with her Life membership: Thanks for this. I really enjoy reading the newsletter. Several generations of my family attended Lisgar—my grandfather, my mother, and my brothers too.

Kathleen (Kiki) Nichols (Houghton, 1949) wrote along with her donation: Pardon the 90-year-old handwriting! I have never forgotten my wonderful five years at Lisgar. Thank you for keeping in touch!

Ray Laws (1957) wrote: Even if you were not a Lisgarite, David Jeanes' 175th reunion tour is extremely well done and informative. It should be the first class given to all new students!

Gerald Bowen (1942) passed away in May 2020. His obituary said: Gerry attended Lisgar Collegiate where some of his classmates eventually returned as teachers—two of whom taught his son Don in later years. Gerry and his brother Desmond and their cousin Norm were best friends for life, playing hockey at Lisgar and joining the Cadet Corps. During the 1939 Royal Visit to Ottawa, Lisgar's Cadet Corps lined the processional

route, and Gerry swears that the Queen looked directly at him with a special smile. He remained devoted to the Queen Mother his entire life.

Anda Sipolins (1968) e-mailed to let us know she recently moved back to Ottawa from Toronto and wrote: My brother lives in the high-rise condo just down the block from Lisgar so I always look at the building with great fondness whenever I visit him.

Paul Bennett (1973) has published a book called On the Border, drawing from his family, youth, career, and travel. For more information, visit paulmackenziebennettauthor.com.

Kate Jaimet (1988) currently serves as the Senior Editor for Canada's History magazine. She's also a playwright and author, and was an accomplished soccer player at Lisgar. Kate's new play, Mixed Doubles, was presented at the Gladstone Theatre in the fall.

Long-time science teacher David McKay (teacher 1996-2022) has retired. When asked what he would miss most about Lisgar, he shared: Teaching. I actually find a kind of sanctuary in teaching. I may be distracted with all the other things I have to deal with and all the other problems that may exist in one's life, but when you get in the classroom that's all you think about. It's just communicating

with students, and I really enjoy that. *Asked about a favourite memory, Mr. McKay replied:* Just being able to watch the evolution that has occurred in front of me over the years. When I first came to Lisgar, it was very male-dominated. Not only among staff, but among the students. In chemistry specifically, I'm seeing a greater representation of our diversity. I'm seeing more women involved in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, and that's something I'd like to think I had a hand in.

The CBC recently published a list of must-read poetry collections you won't want to miss, and one of them is by Lisgar graduate Rhiannon Ng Cheng Hin (2015). You can check out Rhiannon's book, Fire Cider Rain, at your local bookseller.

Congratulations to Robert Tang (teacher 2000-present), who was awarded the 2021 Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence Certificate of Achievement. The announcement indicated: Robert Tang's innovative teaching practices for making math a life skill creates not only academic knowledge, but also confidence and social skills. *It goes on to say:* Robert's unique perspective on education is reflected in the messages he provides to his students with regard to their future. This is based on

realism, and not on the traditional pedagogical orthodoxy. He tells his students that they should follow their dreams as opposed to "keeping their options open." This means that if the work they do in his class is not something they like, then a career in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics may not be the right path for them. His message is stark. If you want to pursue a future in the arts, then focus on that—no need to take math in Grade 12. For him, students should not make themselves suffer just because of what others expect.

Congratulations to The Honourable Justice Hugh Fraser (1970), who was recently named a Companion of the Order of Canada, and to Rich Little (1957), who was recently named an Officer of the Order of Canada. The former was honoured "for his transformative contributions to Canadian sport as an internationally recognized expert in sports law and as a former Olympian," and the latter "for his indelible contributions to Canadian comedy as a renowned impressionist, entertainer and voice actor." Justice Fraser was also recently named Chair of the Board of Hockey Canada. This group is tasked with reviewing the organization's response to sexual assault allegations and financial settlements. ■



REACH FOR THE TOP: Lisgar and Glebe players were congratulated by Member of Parliament Yasir Naqvi for taking first and second places in the 2022 National Finals. (Glebe, sadly, came in first.)

A Principled Approach: Meet Lisgar's Newest Leader

Steve Spidell is now half-way through his first year as Lisgar's new Principal, and from the tone of our conversation, it's going quite well. This is his second stint working at the school, and the earlier experience helped him prepare for the challenging and exciting role.

Principal Spidell's career in education began with teaching Geography at Merivale High School, and then at Bell. He then spent three years as Head of Student Services at Lisgar before Principal stints at Colonel By and Rideau. Interestingly, the person who first suggested exploring school leadership was his Principal at Merivale—who held the same role at Carine Wilson when Spidell was himself a student there.

Having worked at Lisgar in the past, Principal Spidell was not entering completely new territory, but he did not assume everything would be the same: "I was excited and a bit nervous coming back in this new capacity. How much would have changed in the decade since I'd left and how much would have remained the same? Would the professional relationships I'd built in 2010 be different now that I was the Principal? Would the programs and services that I'd introduced still be relevant today? Would our students still dazzle me with their leadership, creativity, and innovation? As it turns out, it's been a perfect blend of the familiar and the new, and our students continue to dazzle!"



NEW PRINCIPAL: Steve Spidell (teacher 2010-2013) made a return to Lisgar in September 2022.

Principal Spidell described three of the main concepts that form his framework for leadership at Lisgar: "First, I believe that academic achievement and student well-being are inextricably linked. Students whose emotional and physical needs are consistently met will almost always do better in school. Likewise, a student who does well in school enjoys an enhanced sense of self-confidence, emotional peace, and pride in their achievements."

"Second," Principal Spidell continues, "I believe in the value of experiential education. This is reflected in my strong support of Lisgar's robust outdoor education program, our unique instrumental music offerings, and the

many place-based learning opportunities afforded to our students. We have a large International Certificate Program at Lisgar and we're increasing the number of international students coming to complete their high school studies at Lisgar."

"Finally," says Principal Spidell, "I believe a school should seek out and respond to the needs of its students and its community. Listening to and amplifying student voices—particularly the voices of those who have been traditionally underserved—will provide a greater sense of belonging for all who learn, work, and play at Lisgar. Learning about and implementing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's

Calls to Action is one way that our school is reflecting that belief."

With regard to experiential education opportunities, this year has seen a return of almost all extra-curricular activities. Clubs, teams, service groups, and musical ensembles can function at pre-pandemic levels, including the return of the Art Show and the annual full-scale drama production. While international travel is still off the table, the school is planning for a band trip to Vancouver. The annual fashion show was replaced with an Oscars ceremony years ago, and that tradition will also start again in the spring.

Commencement is also back in full for the first time. The class of 2022's graduation ceremonies were completed at the school in several smaller groups, but the plan for 2023 is one large ceremony for all students, along with family members.

Lisgar's heritage status means some physical facility challenges persist, but that hasn't gotten Principal Spidell down. There's still no air conditioning or elevator, and while the field is too small to host any home soccer or rugby games, a new sprinkler system was installed a few years ago and the dust bowl has been eradicated.

During our e-mail and phone correspondence, Principal Spidell displayed a clear respect and appreciation for the students and staff of our beloved alma mater, and I think we can all rest easy knowing that Lisgar is in good hands. ■

Preserving the Past: Restoration Planned for Memorial Hall

Did you know that Memorial Hall was created in 1920-21 to commemorate the many Lisgar students who fought and died in the First World War? When it was first planned in 1919, the *Vox Lycei* published: "Many of those whose names will appear on the Service Roll will never again see the old grey walls of the O.C.I., they lie in France and Flanders. Their names will be commemorated by the erection of a heavy brass tablet, and this tablet

will be on the wall of the main floor entrance hall, opposite the door of the office. While the building remains, this Honour Tablet will remain—it will be an inspiration to all the thousands of students who will enter the school in years to come."

Today, Memorial Hall also commemorates Lisgarites who served and who lost their lives in World War II and the Korean conflict. In addition, there are several special commemorations,

including one to Alexis Helmer—the first Lisgar student to lose his life in the First World War. His friend Dr. John McCrae was so distraught that he wrote the famous poem "In Flanders Fields."

The plaques that line the walls of Memorial Hall are starting to show their age—more than 100 years, for some—and the Alumni Association wants to help restore and protect them for the next 100. To mark the school's 180th anniversary this year, we are

appealing to the Lisgar community to donate in support of this important project. We are also working toward obtaining funding from the Community War Memorial Program. This fund provides 50% of eligible expenses up to \$25,000—but in order to qualify, we need to raise our portion first. The deadline to apply is November 2023. Please consider making a donation between now and then, either at lisgar.net or by mail. ■

Lisgar Athletic Wall of Fame Eleven New Inductees Named for 2023

Lisgar's Athletic Wall of Fame will induct eleven new members at a special event in May this year. This will be the fourth intake since the Wall was inaugurated at the school's 160th Anniversary Reunion, and the names continue to represent a broad spectrum of sports, roles, and eras.

This latest group will include our earliest male and female inductees. Dr. R. Tait McKenzie (1894) was a pioneer in physical education and sports medicine and also famed for his sculptures of athletes. Muriel Droeske (1933) was a track and field star who won Canada's national trials in a category—the long jump—that was unfortunately not yet an Olympic sport for women.

Other inductees will include Frank "King" Clancy (1918), an NHL icon for decades as athlete and coach; "Rocky" Robillard (1940), a McGill university athlete, coach, and Ottawa sportscaster; brothers and skiing legends Andy Tommy (1950) and Art Tommy (1951); Mike Blum (1959), CFL play-



THE JOY OF EFFORT: R. Tait McKenzie (1894) was commissioned to produce this bas-relief—one of his best-known pieces—by the United States Olympic Committee. It was presented to the King of Sweden at the 1912 Games. Photo Courtesy of Springfield College, Archives and Special Collections.

er and Grey Cup winner; Terrance "Torchy" Millar (1962), multiple Olympian equestrian athlete and builder; and Professor Bettina Callary (1999), an internationally recognized

leader in inclusive coaching—working with women, Masters (seniors), and Indigenous athletes.

Continuing a process first set in motion at our 175th anniversary reunion, the Wall of Fame will also recognize the contribution to Lisgar's athletic life of two long-term teachers and coaches, Joe Leggett (1941, teacher 1960-1981) and Barrie Loughton (1961, teacher 1968-2000). Both were themselves Lisgar graduates, though in different generations.

The new inductees will join the 31 outstanding individuals whose names already grace our Athletic Wall of Fame—which can be seen both in the hallway of Lisgar's South building, outside the gym, and on our website. It is our hope that their achievements will inspire current and future Lisgarites in whatever fields of endeavour they choose to pursue. Our thanks go out to everyone who brought forward a nomination. The athletic world is so wide-reaching that without your help many worthy names would surely be missed. Please feel free to send in nominations at any time, whether by mail or e-mail. All will be held for con-



STAR PERFORMER: Wall of Fame inductee Muriel Droeske (1933) is seated at right in this *Vox* photo of the 1932 Girl's Track Team. "The eventful day was cloudy, cold, and drizzly—a most disheartening prospect indeed," reads the text below describing that year's Fall meet. "The rain necessitated the laying out of new jumping pits and lanes. However, little daunted by the dampness, Muriel Droeske, Lisgar's star performer, made a wonderful jump of 16 feet 2 inches, breaking the record for Junior Girls' running broad jump. Miss Droeske came first in the junior 100 yard dash also."

Life Members

We are delighted to report that 42 alumni have become Life Members since the last issue of *Alere Flammam*:

Nick Barber (2002)
Alexander Buchan (1984)
Ronald Byrnes (1962)
Ken Cierpicki (1973)
Tim Clark (2002)
Gregory Dunfield (1987)
Calla Fireman (1968)
Olivia Frank (2011)
Marjorie Galbraith (Nicholson, 1954)
George Gibbons
Benjamin Goharian (2010)
Margo Green (1991)
Dorothy Hamilton (1972)
Sally Hamilton (1960)
Susan Hewitt (teacher 1991-2015)
David Hum (1973)
Sameera Hussain (1996)
Matthew Laird (1986)
Keaton Lee (2021)
Emma Legrand (2020)
John Lesaux (1960)
Savvas Lithopoulos (1976)
John Love (1972)
Calvin Lu (1970)
David Luk (1978)
Ping Shing Ma (1989)
Ian McKie (1965)
Sheryl McLeod (1962)
Douglas McMillan (2002)
Don McMullen (1976)
Xavier Milton
Farbod Nabizadeh (1993)
Gordon Pranschke (1962)
Ovando Prescod
Roberto Rodriguez (1964)
Jesse Ruppell (1989)
Joan Sherman (Fairchild, 1965)
Nick Shipley (2000)
Matthew Stephenson (1994)
Susan Thorne (1991)
Dean Verger (1978)
David Vinokur (1968)
Christauria Welland-Akong (Welland, 1969)
Michael Xiang (2010)

sideration in the next intake.

Alumni are invited to attend the 2023 induction on May 6, 2023, at 1:00 PM, in the Alumni Auditorium. More information on next page. ■

From the Lisgar Archives: Notes from “Down Below”

Joy Heft

On-site archival activities have been limited during the pandemic, given restricted access to the Alumni office “down below.” This meant that unfortunately the alumni showcase contained the same display throughout. Happily, it was possible more recently to mount a Remembrance Day display, in coordination with a school-mounted display devoted to Pilot Officer David Rouleau (1938), who lost his life in the battle of Malta, and Flight Officer Garth Horricks, who fought in the same battle. Horricks, who further distinguished himself during WWII, was the grandfather of Lisgar teacher Ashely Horricks. Lisgar students also produced an impressive musical and video tribute, which we have shared on our Facebook page.

Canada’s Ambassador to South Korea, Michael Danagher (1980), was in touch in 2021 regarding the commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the Korean War, during which he wished to honour Canadians who had served. He was particularly interested in Private Alex Gray (1952), who was killed in the battle of Gapyeong and is buried in the United Nations Military Cemetery in Busan. Coincidentally, he had learned of Alex’s death as a result of reading the book of another former Lisgarite, Governor General Adrienne Clarkson (Poy, 1956). In the end, the planned commemoration was a scaled-down affair as a result of pandemic restrictions, but Ambassador Danagher visited the graves of Canadian soldiers and was able to place a chrysanthemum on Alex’s. He shared an account of this event on social media along with a poignant letter home from Alex at Christmas 1952.

I am pleased to report that two new plates have been added to the plaques in Memorial Hall. Marguerite Evans noted that the name of John Clifford Bradley (1910), a relative of her husband, was missing from the WWI plaque. She provided copies of his attestation papers. In addition, a plate



LEST WE FORGET: The showcase in Lisgar’s Memorial Hall featured a student-mounted display for Remembrance Day this year that included the leather jacket of Pilot Officer David Rouleau (1938).

for Percy Arthur Stanley Todd (1915) was added to the WWII plaque. The latter, who had been a soldier in WWI, also served as a Brigadier General in WWII. Thanks to his niece Diane Purdy for providing the information. It is noteworthy that after more than a century we attempt to keep the record straight in recognizing the military contribution of those who served. Incidentally, the daughter of Russell McAllister (1946) wrote to share that her father had passed away at the age of 93. She noted that her father was the fastest runner among high school men within the Board in 1944, but that when this was mentioned her father always replied that the fastest men were overseas dodging bullets.

Perhaps because of the pandemic having allowed lots of time for sorting through personal effects, we received contributions of memorabilia from many sources. Received from Donna Chapman, daughter of Fern Parke (1957), were copies of *Vox* from 1954 and 1957, along with a James Moffatt print. Linda Ashfield offered *Vox* from 1944-1949 belonging to her parents, Joan (Cruickshank, 1947) and David Sugrue (1948), along with two Lisgar Basketball champion crests from 1947 and 1948. Regarding her parents, she shared: “They met at Glashan, but their romance blossomed in Grade 9 at

Lisgar. Married in 1952, they had a wonderful life together until my mom passed away in 2007.” Other offers of memorabilia came from Paul Lindsay (1956), of a centenary history book, from a Mr. Richardson of a copy of the Annual Announcement for 1918-19 “with a photo inside,” and from the daughter of former English teacher Dorothy Williamson (teacher 1969-1981) of *Vox* from her years at Lisgar.

While most research could only be done online for some time, subsequent searches were able to clarify some matters, for example the years at Lisgar of Joseph Bernard Flynn (1945), father of Patricia Ryan. The centenary yearbook stated only that he had been at the school in 1939, but records confirmed he attended through to 1945. Missives from some relatives of alumni revealed other alumni-related information: Graham Stremes (1941) turned 100 and received copies of *Vox* for 1937, the anniversary edition, and 1940, purchased by his son and daughter-in-law. Research was also conducted on behalf of Matthew Sherman on the occasion of the 90th birthday of his grandfather, Sol Shabinsky (1950). Happy birthday to both!

Finally, an invitation goes out to alumni to assist with the Lisgar archives. Those living in Ottawa, and

Donors

Paul Bennett (1973)
Donald Bloor (1974)
Janet Bourassa (1957)
Marie-Lou Boyle (2009)
William “Bill” Broughton (1953)
Jim Burant (1970)
Brian Burke (1974)
Laleah Carscallen (1970)
Janus Cihlar (1999)
Douglas Cushman (1966)
Joan Doubt (Klass, 1961)
Gregory Dunfield (1987)
George Gibbons
Elizabeth Hale (MacIntosh, 1990)
Richard Hall (1958)
Mark Illing (1993)
Michael Jeffries (1983)
A. George Johnstone (1969)
Neil Johnstone (1956)
Allan Jones (1957)
John Lamont (1974)
Norman Leckie (1968)
Ann McJanet (1955)
Alasdair McKie (1995)
Sharon McMillan (1975)
Barry Mair (1964)
Sally Morris (Hodgkin, 1955)
Alex Newcombe (1973)
Kathleen “Kiki” Nichols (Houghton, 1949)
The Papadopoulos Family
Helen Parson (1963)
Margaret Pineiro (Isnor, 1951)
Harold Pinhey (1950)
Hugh Reid (1967)
Steve Sansom (1989)
Heather Sawyer (Yates, 1955)
Alison Schwartz (Hooper, 1974)
Elizabeth Scott (Wilson, 1960)
Leonard Shore (1958)
Liz Simms (Delaute, 1959)
Jason Sterne (1990)
Judith Walden (Snider, 1973)
Barrie-Elizabeth Wanzel (1962)
George Webb (1960)

those who might consider eventually replacing me as volunteer archivist, would be especially welcome. ■

You’re Invited!

On May 6, 2023, Lisgar will host a triple celebration. We will mark the 180th Anniversary of the school, the official reopening of the refurbished Alumni Auditorium, and the induction of 11 new members into the Athletic Wall of Fame.

Join us in the Alumni Auditorium at 1:00 PM. Light refreshments will be served afterwards in the Library.