

The Sacred Heart School of Montreal Alumnae Association Newsletter



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A Message from the Head of School

Shawn O'Donnell

The school year ends on a high note, as we end a successful annual fundraising campaign. Our single largest fundraiser, the Annual Sacred Heart Open golf tournament, benefitted greatly from the participation and volunteer organization of alumnae, including very recent grads. We look ahead to September's Open House with optimism, as our enrolment for 2014-2015 has increased by 25 percent! One of the changes we've made to that event is an iPhone app that will allow prospective students and parents to take a self-guided tour of the school, if they so choose.



The longer-term future also looks bright now that we have completed the first part of a strategic planning exercise that saw a dozen focus groups, comprised of members of all of our constituencies, including alumnae, discuss the goals and priorities for the school over the coming five years.

Stay in touch with us via our Web site, LinkedIn group, Facebook page, Twitter feed, or our new Instagram account! My school, my home, my Sacred Heart!

Un message de la Présidente

**Patricia Laplante '80, Présidente de
l'Association des anciennes.**

Bonjour à toutes les anciennes de la communauté de l'École du Sacré Cœur de Montréal.

Nous sommes à la fin de l'année scolaire et nous avons plusieurs faits importants à partager avec vous. Nos événements ont été exceptionnellement bien suivis cette année par nos anciennes, représentées par plusieurs décennies. La messe du printemps du mois d'avril dernier qui a été suivie d'un petit goûter a attiré au-delà de 75 personnes. La cérémonie traditionnelle de « pin » a rassemblé les 37 diplômées de 2014 accompagnées de 25 à 30 anciennes pour les accueillir dans AMASC. De plus, j'en profite pour féliciter nos « jeunes » anciennes qui ont gagné le tournoi de golf du 12 juin dernier.



Cet automne, nous souhaitons célébrer les diplômées des années '4 et '9 lors du souper des retrouvailles qui aura lieu le vendredi 24 octobre. Au cours des dernières années, nous avons eu le plaisir de vous accueillir en grand nombre, je vous invite donc à vous inscrire.

Je vous souhaite à chacune d'entre vous un très bel été et au plaisir de vous voir en grande forme au mois d'octobre!

Spring Tea & Mass

On April 5, 2014 approximately 80 people attended the annual Spring Tea & Mass. Fr. Gerald Mathieu, SJ, from Loyola High School, came to celebrate mass. Alumnae and their families, along with some current students and parents attended mass and enjoyed a cup of tea and home-made sweets in the Parlour afterwards. Children participated in an Easter-related arts & craft activity while school tours were provided to all those interested. Mark your calendar for the April 2015 gathering.



Alison Coull '11, Olga Maria Ruiz '83 and daughter Mikaila



From the Class of '82: Julie Ann Barna (current parent), Anne Marie Marilley, Antoinette von Hahn, Liz Shamie (current parent)



Helen Burke '52 Lovell, Mary Burke '56 Marilley, Martha Quinn '53 Bélanger



Maureen Slattery '58 with daughter Tara Durley '85 (current parent)

Cantiamo Choral Ensemble: Making Music in the Chapel

Montreal's newest innovative choral ensemble presented a benefit concert for The Sacred Heart School of Montreal on May 24, in the school's chapel. The group of 55 singers performed music from the Renaissance to the Rankin Family, and were directed by Kris Epps. Given the success of the event, plans are in the works to host this group again in 2014-2015. Stay tuned, live music fans!

Charity Basketball Tournament

Allyson Fontes '14, GAA Co-Captain, organized basketball fundraiser for the Heart & Stroke Foundation. Her goal was to bring different grade levels together, encourage sports, raise money and give back to the community. She recruited 8 teams made up of junior and senior students, teachers and alumnae. The alumnae made up two different teams: "V for Vintage" and "Expired but not Retired". The "Vintage" Team, captained by **Selene Di Lallo '96**, went home with a 3rd place finish. Congratulations, ladies!



Standing: Jane Parayno '01, Ritou Maloni '98, Selene Di Lallo '96, Arlene Abrigo '93, Sarah Neeff '94, Lori Manon-Og '96, Kneeling: Hannah Ryan '12, Claudia Di Salvatore '12, Catherine D'Ambrosio '13, Catherine McDonald '13, Teresa Griffin '11

Science Week,

You may have heard Sacred Heart students on CBC Radio this spring, discussing their interest in science. The five-day Science Week event held March 24 to 28 at the school exposed students at every grade level to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) topics. In addition to a Robotics competition and a Science Expo, there was a lecture by award-winning professor, author, and columnist Joe A. Schwarcz. Addressing the effort involved in organizing the event, science teacher David Reda concluded, "If even just one student decides to take up a career path in the sciences, it's worth it."



Secondary I student Hannah Johnston displays her experiment results for CBC radio's Homerun.

Alumnae Pin Ceremony

Each May, the Secondary V students gather in the school's chapel to receive their alumnae pin. The graduates invite a special alumna to the ceremony to issue her pin. Close to 30 alumnae were present to participate in the ceremony and hear from **Alessia Di Giorgio '09**, representing the Montreal Alumnae Association and guest speaker **Donna Lutfy '85**, mother of Marissa Mezzaluna '14 to share some of her memories with the graduates. **Maureen Brown '80**, Alumnae Coordinator, welcomed the girls into the larger International Network of Sacred Heart Alumnae, AMASC, and introduced the class representatives for the Class of 2014.



SHSM Production of The Wizard of Oz:



From May 1 to 3, two casts of 36 students from all secondary levels performed in the school's production of *The Wizard of Oz*. Eleven alumnae were also involved in vocal and dance

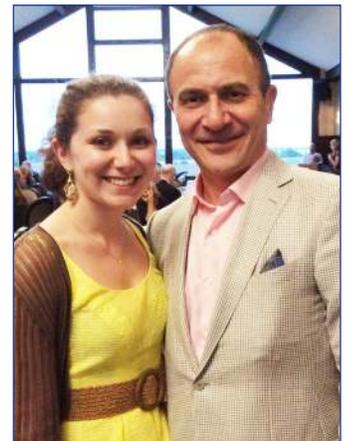
coaching as well as make-up, set construction and post-production. All proceeds benefitted the school's Bursary Fund. Later, some of the cast sang for patients at the Montreal Children's Hospital, to bring them a little cheer.

Comedy Night Fundraiser with Loyola High School

Board member and current parent **Elizabeth Shamie '82** was a key member of the organizing team of this event that brought together longtime allies, Sacred Heart and Loyola. Both schools joined forces to host a comedy night fundraiser that benefitted the Bursary Funds of each school. *Just for Laughs* comedians Ryan Hamilton and Graham Chittenden did their duty and cracked up the audience. Over \$20,000 was raised to provide tuition aid for Sacred Heart families.

13th Annual Sacred Heart Open Golf Tournament

With three alumnae teams in the running this year, it was a young alumnae foursome that took home the Founders' Cup, awarded to the best alumnae team. Congratulations to **Erin Brown-Vandecruys '09**, **Sophie Cruvellier '12**, **Caitlin Matthew '12**, and **Christina Paolucci '09**. As has been the case since 2013, recent graduates of Sacred Heart pay a discounted rate to play and enjoy dinner. During dinner, things heated up with the silent auction, which was organized this year by **Anna Romano '83**. The golf tournament, including dinner, is the single largest fundraising event for The Sacred Heart School of Montreal, thanks not only to the players but to those who attend dinner, purchase raffle tickets, and silent auction items and make donations directly to the Scholarships & Bursaries fund. Volunteers are also a key part of the tournament's success, and this year they were skillfully organized by **Alessia Di Giorgio '09** (shown here below right with her father Mr. Robert Di Giorgio).



Alumnae News

Erika Wain '64 Decker has been very busy with yet another book released, *Boots and Pearls- Diary of a City Gal Beekeeper*. To view her other titles, visit www.e.waindeckerbooks.com. Other book genres credited to Erika range from the fictional world of Young Teen Adult Adventure, Coming of Age, Adult fiction, Contemporary Gothic, and a book of street Poetry. She currently co-partners a commercial beekeeping company, Klausesbees LLC (www.klausesbees.com). She invites the alumnae to take a look at both of her websites

Rose-Ann Baker '73 has been travelling in Asia volunteering in schools and teaching English for the past 4 years. Absolutely loving it! She has been to Brunei, Manila, Singapore, Hong Kong, Bangkok, and Shanghai and is currently in a town called Cixi in China. She was married in 2013 to a wonderful



Filipino man and they are happily pursuing world adventures together. "Who knows where I will end up next but Tibet, Moscow and Beijing are on my bucket list for next year."

Sandra Macleod '76, the founder and former group CEO of Echo Research, has joined Reputation Dividend as a partner and director. Set up by ex-Interbrand specialists three years ago, Reputation Dividend quantifies the economic value of the corporate reputations of listed companies.

Patricia-Marilyn Dubé '85 and her husband, Brian Dorais (Loyola, '84), have moved from Calgary to Connecticut. Daughter Danika, 21, graduated from The Musical and Dramatic Academy in 2013, and is now a music theatre actor in NYC. Son Ferghus, 19, is attending the Southern Institute of Technology's professional cooking program, with the goal of becoming a gluten free pastry chef. Patricia is a Clinical Aroma therapist and is writing her first book, a family's protocol guide to the use of essential oils. Patricia and Brian are excited to once again be exploring the east coast; life is good!



Mary-Jeanne Phelan '90 (Partner, Financial Services) and **Lisa Chamandy '90** (Counsel, Client service Innovation and Litigation), former classmates and now colleagues with law firm McCarthy Tétrault, ran a 650 km relay from Montreal to Toronto over Father's Day weekend, each running over 90 km individually. The more than \$60,000 collected through donations



will go to a charity (Pour 3 Points) which provides a program to turn sports coaches into life coaches for underprivileged kids, to give them the skills they need to succeed

in school and in life. Mary-Jeanne also ran in honour of her father, Dan, who served on the SHSM board for many years and passed away on Father's Day last year.

Meaghan Rath '03 was both an executive producer and actress in the film *Three Night Stand* which premiered at the Slamdance Film Festival and recently was featured in Montreal movie theatres.

Stephanie Coull '04 a Sacred Heart faculty member was selected as the 2014 Rose of Tralee for the Ottawa Centre and represented Ottawa in the Regional Festival in Portlaoise, Ireland over the last week of May. The Rose of Tralee Festival celebrates young women of Irish descent from around the world who represent the modern Irish woman and all the challenges, ambitions and fearlessness that comes with being of Irish descent. The event consisted of numerous interviews and public speaking engagements with the public of Portlaoise. Stephanie will return to Ireland to support the 23 women who were chosen to speak on Irish television in August.



Sarah Murphy '12 was crowned 2014 St Patrick's Parade Queen. She merited the title by winning a



public speaking competition and her duties included working with the United Irish Societies to represent Montreal's Irish community. Her court consisted of four princesses with whom she worked closely and attended many events throughout the Irish

season. Sarah was awarded two round-trip flight tickets to Ireland. She and her family are making the trip this upcoming August.

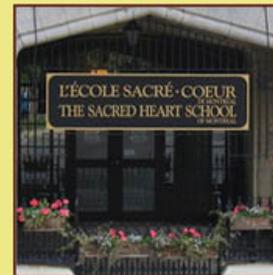
In Memory of...

- **Joan Walsh '38 McMullen** (Sault) sister of Margaret Anne Walsh '52 Marquis
- **Agnes Braceland '42 Henchey**, predeceased by her sister Phyllis Braceland '31, RSCJ
- **Frances Lovell '44 Schissler**, mother of Elise Schissler '73 White, Kate Schissler '76 and aunt of Renee Lou Lovell '76
- **Elizabeth (Betty) Ann Pilon'52 Bourque** (Sault)
- **Linda McGirr '80**
- **Saverio Giacomo Vincelli**, father of Sandra '75, Dina '77, Carla '79 and Tania '85. Grandfather to Alicia Pinck '12
- **Earl Doyle**, father of Christine '80 and Barbara '85
- **Nora Malouf**, sister to Leila Malouf '66 Khouzam and sister- in-law to Carol Rossy '77 Malouf



THE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION
CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO ATTEND

*The Alumnae
Reunion Dinner*



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24
A SPECIAL WELCOME TO ANNIVERSARY YEARS ENDING IN "4" & "9"
GUESTS OF HONOUR CLASS OF 1964

*For details and more information go to the Alumnae tab on the School's website (www.sacrdheart.qc.ca)
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Convocation 2014

On June 19, Sacred Heart gathered to celebrate its 153rd graduating class. The class of 2014 received their diplomas and the winners of special prizes and awards were also recognized. The graduation address, given by **Gweneth Thirlwell '93**, was inspirational and invited the grads to rise to every challenge they may face in their future. Our valedictorian, **Kelly Burchell-Reyes '14**, did her class and school proud with a unique and witty address. Before inviting the guests to a reception, Mr. O'Donnell, Head of School, offered his best wishes to the graduating class.



Kelly Burchell-Reyes '14,
Gweneth Thirlwell '93



Kayla '11 and Katrina Vecera '14;
Serena '14 and Alex English '08



The Giaccari sisters : Cassandra
'08, Lisa '14 , Laura '05



Angelina Griffin '14 (centre) with
cousins Sophia '15 , and Lauren
Honey '13



Martina '11 and Rachele
Valentim '14



Sophia '14 and Thea Koper '12



Luana '10 and Katya Zappitelli '14



Allyson '14 and Kimberley
Fontes '11

Where is the Class of 2014 going?

Marianopolis College

Vanessa Amato
Carina Anelli
Allyson Fontes
Elizabeth Giagnacovo
Rebecca McPherson
Tatiana Mikus
Thaksha Nadarajakumaran
Isabella Papalia

Collège

Jean-de-Brébeuf

Caroline Jeanson

LaSalle College

Grazia Novello

University of Ottawa

Cassandra Estefanos

Dawson College

Jasmina Alka
Iohserenha:wi Bova
Sabrina Correia
Avery Diabo
Meagan Fett
Karen Golfi
Angelina Griffin
Sheridan Harel
Sophia Koper
Stefania Rivera
Jessica Dibartolo Rouillier
Sabrina Sharifi-Alamdary
Rachele Valentim
Katrina Vecera
Katya Zappitelli

John Abbott College

Kelly Burchell-Reyes
Serena English
Lisa Giaccari

Vanier College

Ileana Cappello
Claudia Massarelli
Dana Malowany
Marissa Mezzaluna
Laura Raco

International Schools

Neuchatel Junior College

Victoria Miron

United World College in Bosnia

Abigail Trevino

Switzerland – Grade 12

Allegra Gebhardi

Nouvelles du Réseau du Sacré-Coeur

Le Cœur au cœur de l'Afrique.



L'Amicale Française Braun

est un réseau des anciennes et anciens élèves du Sacré-Cœur de la République Démocratique du Congo résidant en Amérique du Nord (Etats-Unis et Canada), créé en 2010. Elle veut honorer la mémoire de la Révérende Mère Françoise Braun,

une des cinq fondatrices qui partirent de la Belgique le 3 Novembre 1926 pour aider à l'établissement de la première présence des Religieuses du Sacré-Cœur en Afrique sub-Saharienne: au Congo Belge.

L'AFB s'est constituée en organisation à but non lucratif, en Juin 2013. Elle tenait sa première assemblée annuelle, le 24 mai 2014, à l'Ecole du Sacré-Cœur de Montréal. C'est grâce à Mme Maureen Brown que l'AFB a pu obtenir l'autorisation de son Directeur d'utiliser les bâtiments de l'Ecole à cette date.

Une vingtaine de nos membres ont fait le déplacement : de Washington, DC ; de Saskatoon, SK ; de Kitchener, ON ; d'Ottawa, de Gatineau et de Montréal. Les discussions ont entre autres porté sur le caractère international du Sacré-Cœur en action : notamment sur



le grand élan de solidarité et d'amitié de la grande famille du Sacré-Cœur à la suite de l'incendie qui a fait rage au Lycée de Mbanza-Mboma en février dernier. Le rôle joué par la Province USA/Canada des RSCJ, l'AMASC et les écoles du Sacré-Cœur, a été salué et particulièrement remarqué dans un mot de remerciement proposé par une ancienne de Mbanza-Mboma.

XV AMASC World Congress

November 6 - 9, 2014

Phoenix/Scottsdale Arizona 2014



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Nos coeurs unis à l'écoute

AMASC (Association Mondiale des Anciennes et Anciens du Sacré-Coeur) is pleased to join the Canadian Association (CASHA) and the American Association (AASH) in welcoming you to the **XV AMASC Congress**. Sacred Heart alumnae from around the world will come together in Scottsdale, Arizona to attend masses, panel presentations, receptions and other activities. Keynote speakers include Kathleen Hughes, RSCJ, George Coyne, SJ, on Dialogue between Religion and Science, followed by Melanie Guste, RSCJ. Sr.Guste will be the facilitator for a panel presentation on the Healthy Waters Global Initiative of RSCJ, which addresses the sanctity of creation and the ethical use of the earth's resources.

Young Alumnae (under 35 years old) wishing to attend the Congress as an opportunity to share and deepen the values received through a Sacred Heart education are encouraged to take advantage of the financial support of \$1,350 being offered by CASHA to a young alumna from each of the Canadian Schools. Please contact the Montreal Alumnae Office at 514-937-2845 ext 108 or email alumnae@sacredheart.qc.ca

Don't miss out on this unique and wonderful experience. Registration is now available at www.amasc-sacrecoeur.org/

Upcoming Events

September 27: Open House

Open House is a the school's chance to show what we are made of to potential new students. You are warmly invited to visit with your grand daughter, daughter, niece, or any other young girl who may be interested in a Sacred Heart education.

October 14: Feast of Mater

Join us for school mass in celebration of the Feast of Mater, beginning at 8:10 am. This day also marks the introduction of our graduating class into the Mater Society, symbolized via their ring ceremony.

November 29: Christmas Fair

The Parents' Guild's annual Christmas Fair is your one-stop shop for the perfect Christmas present for your family and friends, made by local artisans and craftspeople. The draw for the Bon Voyage raffle also occurs during the fair.



Atwater Club Membership for Alumnae

Until August 31, alumnae of The Sacred Heart School of Montreal may sign up for membership at the exclusive Atwater Club at a reduced initiation fee. The club offers a Social package, including bar and dining areas, and hall rentals; a Wellness package, including group classes, a fitness centre and registered therapists; and a Racquet package, including squash, badminton and tennis courts. Free trial day passes are available. For detailed information see the school Web site or contact Sharon Donovan, Membership Services Manager at the club, at sdonovan@clubatwater.ca or at 514-935-2431 ext. 209. The club is located at 3505 Atwater Avenue.

Annual Telephone Campaign Returns

You may remember last fall's Telephone Campaign, chaired by **Janet Gray-Donald '51 Macklem**, that raised over \$20,000 for scholarships and bursaries, thanks to donations from current and past parents, current and former faculty, and alumnae. Did you know that almost 70 percent of those who responded to the drive were alumnae? One of them was **Suzanne Hall '77** who challenged her classmates to match her donation. The Alumnae Association is counting on all of you again this fall, as the school aims to increase its Scholarships & Bursaries fund. Expect a telephone call from a Sacred Heart volunteer in November.

Annual Campaign



Gifts may be directed to one of the following areas:

- Greatest Needs of the School
- Scholarship and Bursary Endowment Fund
- Enrichment Programmes
- Building Improvements & Enhancements

Checks made payable to the City House Foundation should be mailed to 3635 Atwater, Montreal QC, H3H 1Y4

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