



Newsletter #26

MCHS 60s Reunion & Celebration of the 60s

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Please join us: Oct. 17 2015 at Old Mill, Toronto

MCHS 2015 organizing committee met in Kitchener on Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2015

The **MCHS 2015 '60s Reunion** Event Committee met on Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2015 at the Boston Pizza in Kitchener where most of our meetings have been held. Much of our organizing work for the reunion has been done online, through email and social media, but a key element has been the face to face meetings in Kitchener.



Left to right: Scott Munro, Peter Mearns, Lynn (Hennebury) Legge, and Gina (Davis) Cayer. Early at the Oct. 7, 2015 meeting, Peter and Lynn were focused on calculations related to the budget. After many calculations and comparing of notes, our budget person Lynn declared that we're "Good to go."

As is our standard practice, the MCHS 2015 '60s Event Committee engaged in extensive discussions. After the agenda had been taken care of, discussion turned to a wide range of topics unrelated to the reunion.



Scott Munro (MCHS '63) will play Amazing Grace on the bagpipes prior to our Humber Dinner Buffet, which starts around 7:30 pm on Saturday, Oct. 17, 2015 at the Humber Room at Old Mill Toronto.

Mixing and mingling

At the reunion, we encourage people to mix and mingle right across all the graduation years. People will be free to sit wherever they wish, and to move around. We will not be assigning the seating according to the graduation years.

A key concept, that we have been working on for the past two years, is that the reunion is organized on the basis that there is value in speaking with a wide range of people, at a reunion, as contrasted to just sticking to conversations with the people we have known in our own graduation year. We see the spouses/guests attending the event as very much among the key players, as well, as are the D.J. and the official photographers who are helping out at the event.



Scott Munro and colleagues from the Dundas Pipes and Drums played the bagpipes for the Queen at Balmoral Castle in Scotland during the recent commemoration of the 200th anniversary of the birth of Sir John A. MacDonald.

Our reunion is based upon the concept that there is tremendous value in face to face meetings – in getting together in person, to mix and mingle, and talk about yesterday and today.

We're also aware that not everyone, who would like to, is able to make it to the Oct. 17 reunion. Factors such as personal health, or family health, or a wide range of obligations, that can come up at any time – that is, unforeseen circumstances – stand in the way in some cases.

As an organizing team, we will be diligent in ensuring that everybody who has an interest in the reunion – whether they are able to attend or not – will be informed about the event, after it is over, and will have the opportunity to get news updates and highlights from it.

This could be the last time

A related theme, which has been addressed in a publicity video that we put together for the Oct. 17 reunion, is that this is very likely the last time that alumni from the 1960s cohort of MCHS graduates will have the opportunity to meet together in an event of this size, in a venue of the kind that we have in place for the occasion. A corollary theme is that we will make a point of documenting the event, and sharing the documentation online.

Privacy of information

With regard to documentation, a key communication we wish to share concerns the privacy of information.

If you as an attendee at the Oct. 17 reunion do NOT wish to have a photo or video, or an audio recording of yourself appearing online, please let Jaan Pill or another member of the organizing team know this fact at once. You can reach me at jpill@preservedstories.com or by text at 416-722-6630. You can text me from anywhere.

Contact information

As well, at the reunion we will distribute names of all attendees, but we will leave it to individuals to get contact information, for any other individual, by writing it on the back of a business card or on the Attendee List.

Each attendee will get about 60 business cards, as part of the Business Card Game at the start of the reunion, and will received a printout of the Attendee List.

Oct. 7, 2015 meeting

Given that we have some details to attend to, before the Oct. 17 reunion gets underway, my report about the Oct. 7 meeting will just touch on a few highlights.

We are delighted that we have a budget in place, thanks to Lynn (Hennebury) Legge, that has enabled us to balance our expenses against our expenditures. Earlier during the planning, it was touch and go – that is, we were facing a situation where expenses were going to overshadow revenue but with Lynn's help, we were able to quickly turn the situation around. We owe thanks to Peter Mearns and Diana (McLagan) Redden for looking after the banking for the reunion. We owe thanks to Howard Hight and Diana (McLagan) Redden for putting together the Database and sending out the Newsletters which have played a central role in the reunion project.

Soryl (Shulman) Rosenberg will be attending

We are also delighted that MCHS Phys Ed teacher Soryl (Shulman) Rosenberg will be attending the reunion. Soryl Rosenberg delighted students, who were looking out a second-floor window, when she arrived one morning in the early 1960s at the staff parking lot, behind the wheel of a new Jaguar XKE sports car that she had received as an engagement present. Soryl will make a brief presentation at the reunion. We will feature an interview with Soryl Rosenberg in an upcoming blog post.

From what I have learned from speaking with a friend, who attended another reunion some time back in Toronto, the chance to meet with former teachers at a reunion is a special feature of any such event.

In many cases, alumni have had the opportunity to compare notes about their high school experiences with fellow classmates from those years, but may not have had the opportunity to compare notes with their teachers.

There is something very special no question about it, in having the opportunity to have Soryl Rosenberg attend our Oct. 17, 2015 MCHS '60s Reunion at Old Mill Toronto.

Come out and join in on the F U N ! ! !

Your Planning Committee

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