



Musings

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From the Malvern Red and Black Society

Welcome to the second edition of our Musings newsletter. With Remembrance Day just around the corner, we have dedicated this issue to our more senior alumni who while being some of our most vocal and enthusiastic members, lived through a difficult period in Malvern's history, and indeed the world's history. We would like to give a little glimpse into what life at Malvern was like in the early days and honour the memory of those students who sacrificed so much to give us the freedoms and rights that we enjoy today.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

For The Fallen
Lawrence Binyon

"They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them."

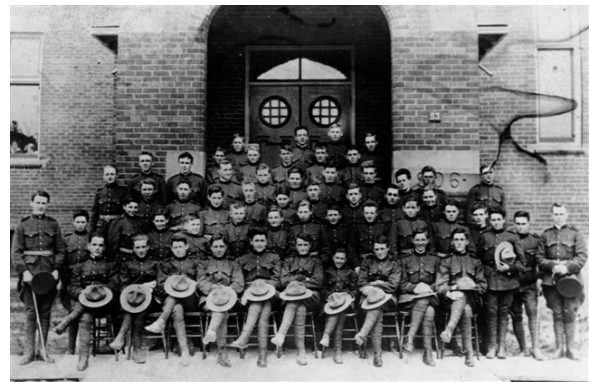
As Remembrance Day approaches in this the Year of the Veteran, your MRBS wishes to pay tribute to all Malvernites who served in our military, whether it was in the world wars, Korea, Vietnam or as peacekeepers. Why does one serve? I offer this answer from an essay, "We Serve", written by an ex-RCAF pilot, Jock Williams. "We serve because we recognize a need for our sacrifices as did our forefathers. For those who serve no explanation is necessary. For those who don't- perhaps no explanation is possible".

Born in 1958, I have lived during a time of continuous peace. Our most senior alumnae were not so lucky. They did not create the wars, but they answered the call. How can I understand the horror that our war veterans experienced, or relate to the daily uncertainty that their families lived with? I can only consider if war had been thrust upon me and my friends. I would have returned home to find out that some did not.

I will not be this serious very often. The MRBS is meant to be a source of celebration and happy memories. This Remembrance Day, 2005, as part of the 60th anniversary of the end of WWII, will be a special event. We, band of Malvernites, will remember. We will honour our classmates who served.

This autumn we will be hosting, and/or working with the MCI staff to host a variety of events and activities. Read about them in this *Musings* and plan to participate! Check www.malverncollegiate.com periodically for updates. Mark this date on your calendar: Sunday, November 13th 12:30pm at the Balmy Beach Club. Join us and meet your friends at our Members' meeting.

Randy Deffett, Class 1977



MCI Cadets

WHAT'S NEW AT MALVERN

Students have just returned to class after a long, hot summer break! We are happy to be involved with the upcoming graduation ceremony and Remembrance Day celebrations. We are happy to be working on projects in connection with the school, like a Mentorship programme, The Onward Malvern Foundation and the Boys of Malvern Project (see other articles in this issue for information).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Gathering of Malvernites ...November 13, 2005 at the Balmy Beach Club from 1:00 – 4:30....come and connect with old friends and express your point of view to the MRBS. Come and have your say and make a difference!

1950's Decade.....Your decade coordinator is planning a reunion for your decade. Please contact Rod Tennyson via our website for information, or call our Hotline 416-393-8683.

AN INVITATION FOR ALUMNI FROM THE YEARS 1924 to 1949 TO VISIT MALVERN ON REMEMBRANCE DAY..... FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2005 FROM 9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

The Archives Committee of the MRBS would like to have senior Malvernites visit the school to see our archival displays and attend the ceremony in remembrance of Malvernites who served in war and peacekeeping in the last 100 years. This year 2005 has been named the Year of the Veteran. We also plan to serve a light lunch for those who attend. We need to know how many of you would be interested in attending. Please call our Alumni Hotline at (416) 393-8683 or email us at archives@malverncollegiate.com. We would be in touch with you personally to help in arranging transportation, parking and access to the school. Our space is limited, so please let us know if you would like to attend as soon as possible.

The MRBS is looking for Advertisers

If you run a business then you know how difficult it is to find new clients. You have a limited advertising budget so where can you best invest your money? Let me tell you:

ADVERTISE WITH YOUR VERY OWN MRBS!

We offer these benefits:

- Advertising on our website and in our regular members newsletters, both as email and mail versions;
- We will work out an advertising program that is cost effective for you.
- Our membership has grown to almost 4,000. All decades from the 1930s to 1990s have strong representation.
- Over 80% of our members have email access.
- Most Malvernites achieve financial and career success. They have money to spend. They want to spend it. We can connect the two of you!

Curious? Interested?

Contact Randy Deffett at redandblack@malverncollegiate.com. We have more to discuss. I will reply promptly.

OUR EMAILING PLANS NEED YOUR SUPPORT

We are planning an aggressive series of email campaigns during 2005-2006, to send newsletters, and to promote events of the MRBS and of other related groups. This is all to meet our goal of 'Keeping Malvernites in Touch'. Campaigns cost money.

**Our 'ideal' email program will cost \$1500 over the next year
WE ASK FOR YOUR DONATION TO HELP MAKE THIS A REALITY**

What did we do with the money already donated?

These donations have covered operating expenses and activities for 2005: Newsletter copying, postage, website maintenance, members' events in May and November, email service upgrades.

Are we becoming financially self-sufficient?

Yes, we are seeking companies to advertise through us. Programs to give valued services to you and revenues to us are being investigated too.

Is my donation tax deductible? Where do I send my cheque?

Sorry, it is still not deductible. Make your cheque out to 'Malvern Red and Black Society'. Note if you wish, 'for emailing costs' and mail it to: MRBS c/o Malvern C.I. 55 Malvern Avenue Toronto, Ontario M4E 3E4.

Thank you, we always work hard to earn this patronage.

MENTORSHIP & SPEAKERS NETWORK

This is your opportunity to help shape the future

Many of you have done interesting things in your life, enjoyed fulfilling careers, overcome adversity, or are veterans of the armed forces. What do all of you have in common?

You have a life story and/or career experience to share

We Malvernites are a community; do not let your life go by without sharing your experience with more recent graduates and with the current MCI students. They are only starting their lives and would welcome your insights and recollections. We have had the pleasure of meeting many MCI students and younger graduates. They take their academic and job careers very seriously and when they are made aware of the history and achievements of past Malvernites, they are most appreciative. Up to now though there has not been a regular program in-place to connect the generations.

History and experience must be shared, lest it be forgotten. If you will not pass the torch, who will?

What does it take to be a Mentor or Speaker?

- You enjoy meeting and helping younger people with academic and career advice.
- You can be any age! Alumnae of 1925 or 1995 all have life and career experience to share;
- You live anywhere. Mail and email connects us.
- Speakers enjoy talking with small or large groups. We will match an audience size with your comfort level.
- Mentors are long-term. As students graduate and progress in their academic and work careers, you are there.
- Donate whatever time per month as you are able.
- For security reasons, a reference check is necessary.

What are we asking from you now?

- Contact us if interested or for more information.
- Contact us with your comments.
- If you would like to be matched with a mentor, contact us.
- Get the idea? Just contact us.

Leave a message on the Hotline (416-393-8683), email us at redandblack@malverncollegiate.com or mail us a reply.

Your MRBS invites you to

A Gathering of Malvernites

Sunday November 13th 2005
1:00-4:30pm
Balmy Beach Club

YES... YOU'RE INVITED TOO!

Top ten reasons why should you attend:

1. You missed an old friend at the Centennial Reunion.
2. The NFL schedule that day is boring.
3. This is more fun than cleaning the house.
4. Five weeks of Christmas shopping starts next weekend!
5. It is finally time to see what this MRBS is all about.
6. We promise to keep the business part short.
7. We will NOT sing 'Onward Malvern'.
8. Time to show those young folk who has the Malvern spirit!
9. You might just...possibly...maybe, be motivated enough to get involved with the Society; to 'give something back'.
10. There will be beer (cash bar). This is really #1.

Why are meetings and elections important?

We had planned to be a democratic society which is accountable and transparent to you. To have long-term success we must attract new volunteers. New blood is vital to maintain the energy and drive needed to get things done.

BUSINESS AFFAIRS WILL BE BRIEF; WE PROMISE!

Plan to join us on November 13th at the BBC to:

- Socialize with your old friends;
- Catch up on what has been happening since the Reunion;
- Question our actions and plans. Give us your input;
- Select a new Board of Directors;
- To enjoy your Sunday afternoon!

RSVP- SO WE CAN PLAN ATTENDANCE



What ever happened to Bret Snider (Captain Malvern???) One alumni member who was a great influence during his years at Malvern was Bret Snider. Bret graduated in 1979 after an illustrious high school career. He was a visionary who saw a need for change in student attitude...visions that sometimes saw him visiting Mr. Wright in the principal' office a little too often! After dabbling in football in his early years, Bret turned his sights to politics. He was on the Student Council as Secretary, Social Convenor even "Acting President" as the need arose. He started a few clubs such as the Chess club and The Red and Black Society as a way to eliminate student apathy. He was also in the Drama Club and acted in a couple of plays, such as the memorable "You Can't Take It With You". As another way of getting his spirit message out Bret worked on the Muse as advertising editor and assisted the Editor-in Chief, his sister Yvette, with other aspects of the yearbook. He also started the school newspaper "Red Sin" and was on the Malvern radio show,"The Tattler". It was on this afternoon show that Captain Malvern first made his appearance. With poor attendance at football games and a general lack of school spirit, Bret's gung-ho, macho alter ego tried to entice students to go to the football games instead of taking the afternoon off. This idea did not take off at first and after being beaten down, Captain Malvern became a wimp, a la Andy Kaufman from Saturday Night Live. Dressed in various parts of Malvern athletic uniforms and with his four handlers, Captain Malvern and his side-kicks became a hit and students came out to the games in droves to see the half-time shows and support their school team! Captain Malvern became an icon and his legendary antics become an important part of Malvern's history. It is important to note that Captain Malvern and

Bret were never seen at the same time and Bret claims not to have been in touch with Captain Malvern since what is now infamously known as the Norwegian incident, so one of the great mysteries of Malvern remains just that.

After graduation, like many young adults, Bret went off backpacking through Europe looking to broaden his horizons...ok, and maybe meet a nice young European girl or two. He returned to attend York University but then his political instincts again took over and he took a job as an aide at City Hall. He then started a consulting company and a community newspaper for the Riverdale area. Bret then had an unsuccessful run for legislature and worked for a research company. Never one to sit still, Bret began teaching business management courses for the Toronto District School Board and at George Brown. He also did a stint as V.P. of Junior Achievement. Then in 1989, while still running his consulting company, he founded a training company which has turned into the York College of Industry and Technology where as President, he oversees the programmes for graduate students from all over the world in the medical, business and IT areas. Bret married in 1990 and is a proud father of four.

The BOYS of MALVERN

Beginning in 1914 and lasting until the fall of 1918, Malvern Collegiate's children not yet able to vote or even legally drink volunteered to enter the maelstrom of what would be the greatest and most catastrophic war in this country's history.

Several years ago, vandals and subsequent weathering damaged the memorial requiring a severing of its arm. Lengthy exposure to weather has further placed the entire monument in grave danger of completely disintegrating from the wound.

Neither Malvern Collegiate nor the Toronto and District Board of Education possesses the required funds to fix or even stabilize the cenotaph.



In short, we desperately need your help.

You can contribute by sending a donation to the school or the alumni association who will see that it gets to the school. A tax receipt will be issued for all donations over \$5.00. Any cheques should be made payable to the Onward Malvern Foundation.

SOUVENIRS.....GOING....GOING.....GONE

We are having a **sale** on the remaining souvenirs. Get your orders in quick before we are completely sold out! There is also an added bonus of a Centennial book for \$10.00 instead of \$15.00 if you purchase one or more of the other items.

Ladies' golf shirts	\$30.00 each NOW \$25.00
White	(with MCI crest)
1L	
Red	(with black MCI 1903-2003)
4M	4L 2XL
Black	(with red MCI 1903-2003)
1L	
1	Unisex T-Shirt \$20.00 each NOW \$15.00 1 - Medium
4	MCI Carryall bags \$5.00 each NOW \$4.00
8	White Teddy Bears \$10.00 each NOW \$8.00
	Centennial Books \$20.00 each NOW \$15.00