# Simonds High Alumni Newsletter October 2015





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#### **SHS Alumni Positions**

On October 4, 2015, the biennial business meeting of the Simonds High alumni was held at the school. At that time, the following people were appointed for a 2 year period to executive positions:

President: Troy Richard

Past President: Erin (Kelley) McPhee 1st Vice President: Kara (Nobles) McCann 2nd Vice President: Joleen (Searle) Elder Secretary: Tammy (Vautour) Kilpatrick

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Chapman

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We thank these people for their service on behalf of our alumni.

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Newsletter Editors: Tammy Kilpatrick Judy Chapman There is always something happening in the hive. We never seem to give ourselves enough credit, and with that in mind, this section of our newsletter will highlight those people who make Simonds better!



#### Old Yearbooks!

Still searching for that special gift for a friend, The Simonds Alumni Committee still has vearbooks from most years (only a few years memorable gift that would make! Where else can you get such a special gift for \$35 and up (no tax) for yearbooks up to and including 2014? (Newer years may cost slightly more). For more information or available contact Judy Chapman

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## Simonds Memorial Grove

Over several years Simonds has planted trees in memory of several teachers and students who have passed away. Recently, the Simonds Alumni decided to partner with the school Environmental Club and couple of local businesses to plan some improvements to the school grounds. This initiative will take place over a couple years. As part of this plan, we are hoping to have some more trees donated and planted in our Memorial Grove. We are seeking individuals or grad-class years who wish to donate a tree in memory of one or more individuals. We invite classes who are planning reunions for this or upcoming years to please consider placing a memorial tree in the grove. What a beautiful way in which to remember a classmate/friend/family member. Inside the school, there is a plaque with the name plates honoring those remembered. The approximate cost of a tree is \$150. Four new trees were donated to the grove and were planted in June 2015. The newly donated trees were in memory of Martina Riordon (longtime SHS guidance counsellor), John Chisholm (Class of 1964) and John T. McMillan (Class of 1988 - 2 trees). Last year trees were donated in memory of Robert D. Lee (Simonds principal 1986-1993), Cathy Pikard Cooke (1956-1981), Jack Crawford (Simonds Football 1974), Dave Ross (Simonds Football 1974) and Pat Lee (Simonds Football 1974). These were all yellow maples. Eventually there will be a backdrop of green climbing vines that will showcase our green and gold school colours. In addition, a beautiful red maple was donated for the Class of 1986. A sincere thank you to all those donating trees in memory of their friends and family. Other plans to improve the school grounds include an improved "landscaped" area with flowers and benches in front of C building, improvements to current benches in the quad, increased tree wind-block around the sports field and more. Please message Judy Chapman (chapmanb@nbnet.nb.ca) or any member of the Alumni Committee if you would like to make a donation and be a part of this worthwhile initiative to give back to your school. Next planting of memorial trees will occur in the spring of 2016. If you wish to purchase a tree for this planting, please contact us no later than March 31, 2016 so we may submit our tree order.



#### Missing Previous Newsletters?

Are you just reading our Simonds Alumni newsletter for the first time? Or, perhaps you have missed a few of our past issues? Our SHS Alumni newsletter was started in 2012; since then, we have produced 3 - 4 issues each year. If you are seeking past issues...perhaps you want to see pics of people who attended reunions or to get caught up on the news of your Simonds classmates, you will find them posted on the Simonds High School

website: http://web1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/district8/schools/sh/Pa ges/default.aspx. Click on the tab for **Alumni** and enjoy! NOTE: Where possible, several issues have been posted on our Simonds Alumni face book page as well. If you would like the newsletter sent to you directly, please send your name (including maiden name), grad year and email address to the editors: Tammy & Judy (See p.1 for email addresses)



Are you a former staff member - teacher, secretary, custodian - from Simonds? If so, we invite you to join us for a monthly lunch date.

The group of retired teachers and other staff members from Simonds usually meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 12:30 PM for lunch and socializing. Our lunch date locations are changed up each month and a great time is had by all! Be sure to email us and attend a few of our get-togethers. We are still an integral part of the Simonds family and enjoy reminiscing and keeping caught up. If you are interested in further details, please contact Cathy MacDonald (ceileenm@nb.sympatico.ca).





European Travel: Have you dreamed about travelling to Europe, but were daunted by all the planning? Looking for a hassle-free travel experience? Then, you are in luck! Judy Chapman is now planning a new adult tour to Spain for fall 2016. On this 10-day tour, you will visit Seville, Madrid and Barcelona...with the option of taking a 2-night extension to beautiful Costa del Sol with beaches hugging Mediterranean coast. The tour departs on October 14, 2016 (just after the Canadian Thanksgiving) and is with a very reputable world-wide company. Judy has had lots of travel experience, having planned 17 Simonds student tours to Europe and 5 to New York; she has been organizing adult European tours since 2013. Judy invites any interested Simonds alumni, their friends and family (you do not have to be a Simonds alumnus) to join our adult travel group. If you are interested in this travel opportunity, please contact Judy at chapmanb@nbnet.nb.ca or 847-3241 or on face book for more details.

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#### Simonds High Wetland Centre of Excellence - An Update

The Simonds High Wetland Centre of Excellence was dedicated this past May to Donald M. Biddington, a man passionate about nature, wildlife, conservation and youth education. This centre of excellence is a 5-year partnership with Ducks Unlimited Canada to construct a wetland area including a lovely trail system within the Simonds High School campus. DUC is a well-known leader in wetland preservation. For this initiative, they are providing financial support and technical advice and will facilitate coordination with other local schools. This wetland system would be available for Simonds students for their Environmental Science and other Science courses. It would also be accessible to the students from nearby elementary schools; this would allow for the opportunity of the high school students to mentor and give hands-on experience to their younger neighbours. Michele Banks, a Science and Math teacher at Simonds is the lead teacher for this partnership. She and her Team Green students are busy preparing for the many opportunities it will present.

Construction began in the summer of 2015 on the first part of this venture - the creation of the Simonds Pond at the back of the school behind the cafeteria and the end of C building. The next step will be to fill the pond naturally. Please keep in mind, this is only the beginning of the 5-year project, which will be dependent on precipitation, the soil, etc. This outdoor classroom will offer many environmental opportunities for local students and the entire community once it is completed. There will be ways in which others may partner with Simonds High to assist with the work or provide signage or benches for the trails. The woods, nearby brook, local flora and fauna, etc., that have been indigenous to the Hickey Road Simonds campus for the past 45 years, will be incorporated into an educational oasis for East Saint John students. As more progress and details on this exciting project become available, they will be shared with you in our alumni newsletter and on our face book site.









#### **BE A SIMONDS FAN**

In continuing to wave the green and gold, you may wish to follow current happenings at Simonds. If you are a facebook fan, you can catch up by following the page "Happenings in the Hive". You can also following them on Twitter and Instagram.

Twitter: https://twitter.com/spiritinthehive Instagram: https://instagram.com/spiritshs/

#### The Freebee Room

For several years Simonds High School has had a Freebee (named after Seabee) Room. It is a room where supplies such as toiletries, non-perishable food items - especially canned goods, teen clothing, prom dresses and school supplies are stored and can be given to Simonds High students in need. In January and in June of this year, a team of volunteers from the SHS Alumni Committee and the Educational Assistants at Simonds worked together to clean and better organize this room. Now, it is easier to assess what needs to be replenished. As well, students going to the Freebee Room can more readily see what is available. **Supplies are always needed**. If you have anything you are willing to donate to the Freebee Room, please contact Brad MacDonald (brad.macdonald@nbed.nb.ca) by email or by phone at 658-5367. Any donations are appreciated.

#### **Simonds Alumni Committee Needs YOU**

Everyone who went to Simonds High School is automatically a member of our alumni. We also include all teachers, secretarial staff, custodial staff, etc. We are all part of the Simonds family. Our SHS Alumni Committee meets approximately once a month from September until June. Our aim is to provide some activities for alumni and to produce a newsletter to keep alumni in touch with each other and abreast of current happenings with alumni activities, class reunions and events at the school. We also are working on creating a better liaison with the school for former grads. We invite you to join us on the committee; we need your assistance and ideas. If you cannot commit to regular meetings, perhaps you would be willing to be on our call / email list and donate an hour or two to some event or project - perhaps an hour to decorate for an alumni dance or to assist with some project we are doing in collaboration with the school. If you are willing to be on our call / email help list, please send your name, telephone number and preferred email address to Erin McPhee at erin1@nbnet.nb.ca. Even if you do not live in Saint John and surrounding area, you could contribute by sending an email or doing an enquiry for us. Thank you for your help and for giving back to your alumni and your school.

#### **Countdown to Christmas Shopping Expo**

We invite you to come on out and get a good start on your Christmas shopping. The Simonds alumni is sponsoring a shopping expo at Silver Falls church on Loch Lomond Rd on Saturday, November 14, 2015 from 10AM -2PM. There will be lots of amazing vendors gathered in one place! Some of those represented will be: Pampered Chef (kitchen tools, foods, cookbooks), Byers Boutique (jewelry, beauty products), South Hill Jewelry, Jamberry Nails (nail wraps), Sunset Gourmet (spices / condiments, etc), Epicure (spices and kitchenware), Sweater Mitts by Bonnie, Shelley's Seaglass (seaglass jewelry), Scentsy (scented candles), Stella & Dot Jewelry, Avon, Mary Kay, Younique (make-up, cosmetics), Thirty-One Gifts (trendy bags), Arbonne (skincare, bath & body products), Tupperware, Puzzle Lights by Connie, Silpada Jewelry, Young Living Essential Oils and Mary's Sewn Creations (towels, purses, flax therapy bags, aprons, superhero capes, etc). There will also be several other local craftspeople with gifts such as wooden trinket boxes, preserves, pickles, jams, scarves, handknit mitts & socks, etc. The Simonds alumni will have a table with engraved glass beer mugs and Christmas ornaments. Please mark this date on your calendar and join us for this unique shopping opportunity! (All proceeds from this fundraiser will go to the Simonds High alumni.)

# COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EXPO SHOPPING EXPO SILVER FALLS UNITED CHURCH NOVEMBER 14<sup>th</sup> 10am-2pm Perty of amazer weeken on wall Percent of only 1 more shorted "South 14" and and you have a few and a few and

#### **SAVE THE DATE:**

Annual Valentine's Dance -Saturday, February 6, 2016! Open to everyone! Great DJ and a great time!

#### **EXHIBITION OF ART BY PAUL MATHIESON**

Paul Mathieson, a well-loved and talented art teacher at Simonds for many years was the very deserving recipient of the prestigious Strathbutler Award. As one of the more notable artists in the Province of New Brunswick, Paul was presented with this biennial award at a very classy reception and presentation at the New Brunswick Museum on September 24, 2015. As a painter, Paul's work addresses human social issues such as work, play, violence, love, hate, compassion, etc. The Strathbutler Award was created in 1991; as part of the award, Paul received \$25 000 from the Sheila Hugh Mackay Foundation. Our sincere congratulations to you Paul!

Paul's paintings will be showcased in the first solo exhibition at the new Buckland Merrifield Gallery (37 Canterbury Street, Saint John). A beautiful new Mathieson piece recently purchased by the NB Museum will also be on display. You are invited to come out to support Paul and view his work at this exhibition. It will be on display at Buckland Merrifield Gallery from 10AM to 5PM every day except Sunday, commencing on November 20<sup>th</sup> and lasting for at least two weeks. See you at the gallery!

#### Men's Shelter Christmas Bag Project

For the past couple of years, Elizabeth Mary has coordinated a Christmas Backpack project. Numerous useful items are collected and packed in backpacks to distribute before Christmas to the men at the men's shelter in Saint John. This year, they hope to prepare 50 backpacks for homeless men and 20 for women. As a Simonds grad (2003) and former Simonds teacher, Elizabeth has solicited much of her support from alumni of the school for this worthwhile project. She has a master list of all the items - everything from combs, shampoo, warm gloves & hats, toothpaste and toothbrushes, deodorant, hot chocolate packs, granola bars, etc - required for the backpack. If you are able to assist in any way, please send her a face book message at Backpack Drive Team for Romero House Mobile Unit & Outflow Men's Shelter.



Seabees Home & Away (or Milestones) is compiled from submissions from our readers who have submitted items by letter, email or phone as well as various public sources.

These submissions will always refer to Simonds' alumni; they will generally be about family milestones (births, deaths, new job opportunities, marriages, moves, appointments, accomplishments, etc). We welcome your information for future newsletters. If possible, please try to include your graduation year with your submission.

Please address any entries to Judy Chapman (chapmanb@nbnet.nb.ca) or Tammy Kilpatrick (tamkilp@yahoo.ca). Alternately, entries may be mailed to Simonds High Alumni, 1490 Hickey Road, Saint John, NB, E2J 4E7 or sent as a message through our facebook group, Simonds High School Alumni.

Richard Campbell (1971) who obtained his M Ed. in Adult Education in 2002, is considered Canada's Life Story Writer. He teaches life story writing to continuing education students in Hamilton, Ontario as well as an on-line class with students from the U.S. and Europe. He has written for several newspapers and CBC Radio. He also teaches life story writing onboard transatlantic Windstar Cruises. Richard is co-author (with Dr. Cheryl Svensson) of Writing Your Legacy – The Stepby-Step Guide to Crafting Your Life Story, published worldwide in July 2015. The Book Launch was held October 7<sup>th</sup> at the Saint John Free Public Library at Market Square. Check out his site at: www.guidedlifestories.com.

Ross McLean (2005) and his wife Sharidan (Kierstead) McLean welcomed their new daughter Claire Tashia McLean on July 9, 2015. Ross is an engineer at Bell Aliant and Sharidan, a supply teacher in Anglophone South School District in Saint John.

Jeff Searle (2003) and fiance, Corie O'Neill (2006), have a new daughter, Raelynn Rose Searle. She is a sister to two older brothers Keenan and Brehdyn. Jeff works for Akita Drilling Ltd.

Jessica (Hosford) Moore (2011) and Devin Moore (2011) were married on August 29, 2015. Devin is a scaffolder / carpenter at the Irving Oil Refinery and Jessica is employed by the Loch Lomand Villa Foundation.

Joe Bourque (2006) married Sarah Dunham on September 5, 2015. As both are huge Harry Potter fans, they planned a unique Harry Potter-themed wedding! Joe is a pharmacy technician at Shoppers Drug Mart while Sarah works at Irving Energy Distribution & Marketing in Saint John.

Laura Hasselman (2011) and Matthew Delaney announced the birth of their son, Axton David Delaney born on July 19, 2015. Axton is a baby brother to older sister, Ava.

**Elizabeth Godfrey (2008)** will be leaving in October 2015 to teach at the International School of Nanshan Shenzhen in Shenzhen, China. Elizabeth is very excited about this new career opportunity.

Misty (Bawn) Folkins (2002) and Micheal Folkins were married on September 19, 2015. Misty is a very talented seamstress who works at the Sewist Academy; she is also a busy mother of three children - Savana, Benjamin and Milo.

Jani (Brown) Ryan (2008) and Jamie Ryan celebrated their wedding vows on August 15, 2015. Jani is a nurse at the Saint John Regional Hospital while Jamie is an electrician at Gardner Electric.

**Rich Merritt (2007)** started working as a Medical Laboratory Technologist at Cumberland Regional Health Care Center in Amherst, Nova Scotia in July 2015.

**Kelly (Haughn) Scott (1990)** married Mike Scott on August 15, 2015 in St. Andrews, NB. Kelly is a teacher at Simonds High School.

Joleen (Searle) Elder (2005) and Adam Elder (2005) were married on August 21, 2015 in Rothesay, NB. Joleen, Adam and their 1-year old son, Gaige, followed their wedding with a fantastic honeymoon in Italy! Joleen works with The Promise Partnership at UNBSJ and Adam works at Hickey Brothers in Saint John.

Jeremy Arrowsmith (2006) married Melissa Arrowsmith in June 2015. They have a beautiful daughter Aubree Mae. Jeremy is the manager at Maritime Auto Radiator Works Ltd. in Saint John. The happy family resides in Hampton, NB.

Maria (Dickson) Parks (2009) and Mike Parks (2008) were married on September 5, 2015. Mike is employed by the Walmart Connection Centre and Maria works as a support worker in the Saint John area.

Kaylin (Carlson) Proctor (2007) and her husband, David Proctor (2006) announce the birth of their son, Lucas Cian Proctor, born on June 16, 2015.. Kaylin is an Orthopaedic Nurse at the Saint John Regional Hospital and David works at Sitel.

Alyssa (Allie) (Irwin) Bennett (2005) and Mike Bennett (2004) were married on June 19, 2015. Allie is an auditor / consultant at the Office of the Comptroller for the province of New Brunswick while Mike is a Deckman at Cementation Canada.

Randy Gilmore (2003) and Jessica Spencer were married in spring 2015.

Angie (Vaughan) Hachey (2001) and Chris Hachey were married on October 3, 2015. Angie is a teacher at Kennebecasis High School (former Simonds High teacher). They have an adorable son, Kellen who is the highlight of their lives.



Katie Stevens (2007) and Graeme Stewart-Robertson were married on October 3, 2014 at the Glen Carpenter Centre in Saint John. Katie is a former Student Residence Life Coordinator for UNBSJ; she now works at the Imperial Theatre in Saint John and is studying Social Work at Dalhousie University. Graeme is an environmentalist and the Executive Director of ACAP, Saint John and teaches photography at UNBSJ.

**Jessie (Garnett) Melvin (2009)** and **Ryan Melvin (2004)** married on October 3, 2015. Jesse works at Bath Fitters and Ryan works at Bishop's in the Saint John area.

**Norm Godin**, a longtime, well-loved custodian at Simonds High married the love of his life, Sandra Love-Godin on August 22, 2015. Sandra also works at Simonds High as an Educational Assistant.

Derek Clements (2007) finished his undergraduate degree in Microbiology & Immunology at Dalhousie University. He commenced graduate work with Dr. Patrick Lee utilizing reovirus (a benign common cold virus) to treat cancer. His research is focused on utilizing this virus to selectively target and kill cancer cells but also to educate the immune system to additionally target and eliminate cancer in the process. Derek has 10 publications at present. He received the Nova Scotia Health Research Foundation Masters Scholar and PhD Scholar awards. Derek also received funding from the cancer research training group and most recently, from the Fredrick Banting and Charles Best Canada Graduate Scholarship Doctoral Award where he was rank in the top 1% for this award in Canada! Upon completion of his PhD, Derek plans to pursue a career as a researcher in the field of cancer immunology.

#### **RCMP Honours**

Over a year ago, in June 2014, RCMP in Moncton were frantically searching neighbourhoods for a man who killed three of their members and injured two others. The tense situation brought fear to the entire city. Then, Andrew Sanojca posed a question on the force's face book feed: "Should people in these neighbourhoods have their porch lights on? Will that help or hinder your search?" The RCMP media officer felt the question was an important one and posted a message on face book and Twitter for residents to turn on their lights. This porch light idea assisted the RCMP in the capture of the killer. These lights became a way for Monctonians and others around the world to show their respect for the Codiac RCMP and to the families of slain officer's Const. Doug Larche, Const. Dave Ross and Const. Fabrice Gevaudan and to those who were wounded. This porch light tribute has spread to other communities - most recently Edmonton - to be used when a police officer dies in the line of duty.

In June 2015, Andrew Sanojca (1984) was honoured for his idea by the RCMP who presented him with a framed print and a thank you message from Assistant Commissioner Roger Brown. We applaud this humble former Simonds grad for his quick thinking and novel idea. He said that he feared for the safety of the officers trying to apprehend the shooter and hoped that by turning on the lights the advantage of darkness would be eliminated. The porch light initiative will live on in Moncton, incorporated into the memorial to be unveiled next year to honour the slain officers. Andrew has worked for Canada Post in Saint John for many years and is a volunteer firefighter in Maces Bay, NB, where he lives with his family.

#### **OBITUARIES**

Victoria (Thorpe) Hebb (Graduate of 1983) of Enfield, Nova Scotia passed away on September 3, 2015 after a lengthy battle with cancer. During her career, she had been employed as a Human Resource Manager by Boland's Atlantic Food Group, Career Worx, Career Beacon.com, Staffing Strategist and Loblaw Atlantic (Superstore). In her last few years, she enjoyed spending time with family and friends and traveling; she especially enjoyed afternoons on the pontoon boat on Belleisle Bay, NB. Victoria is survived by her husband, Stephan Longtin, her sons Theoren and Thayne Hebb, step-daughters Jessica, Mariah and Stephanie Longtin, step granddaughter Lucy, parents Fred & Joan Thorpe and sister, Crystal Anderson.

Cathryn (Landry) Bawn (Graduate of 1983) had an untimely and tragic passing on June 29, 2015. Cathy had been a longtime loyal worker at Petro Canada on Bayside Drive. She enjoyed dancing and country music. Cathy was a well-liked, sociable, fun-loving lady. She will be missed by her mother, Carol, daughter Misty (Bawn) Folkins, brothers Greg Landry (Moncton) and Ivan Arsenault (Hamilton, ON) and Christopher Braniff (Saint John) and grandchildren Savana, Benjamin and Milo.

Catherine (Callum) Burbridge (Graduate of 1980) passed away suddenly in Moncton on September 1, 2015. Cathy was the Retail Contract Administration Supervisor for Exxon Mobil in the Business Support Centre in the U.S. & Specialities business. She and her husband, Reg, had recently moved from Saint John to Riverview to further her career with them. Cathy loved puttering in her flower gardens, listening to music, dancing, playing cards and just having fun. In addition to her husband, she is survived by her father, Bill, step-mom Donna, son Mark, daughter Mallory and brothers Bill Callum and Ian Callum.

Matthew Ronald White passed away at his home in Markham, Ontario on June 25, 2015 after a courageous battle with cancer. Matt loved boxing - started his career at the Golden Gloves Boxing Club in Saint John and continued to pursue it after he moved to Ontario. In that province, he became a professional boxer under the name Matthew "Pain" White. While a student at Simonds, Matt played football for the Seabees. In addition to boxing, he loved fishing and his family and friends. He is survived by his parents Frank and Wendy, brother, Brian Christiansen, sister Amanda Mitchell, grandmother Anna Clare Best and the love of his life, Shantelle Crewe.

Robert Wayne (Bobby) Cleary passed away unexpectedly on July 10, 2015. Bobby enjoyed playing ball hockey, going to Dooley's, having a BBQ with friends and family and spending time with his children. Besides his parents, Bob & Linda, Bobby is survived by his wife Melanie and children Tyler, Mackenzie, Reilly, Chloe, and baby Bobby. Also surviving him is his sister, Lisa Cleary.



#### **Steph Doucette**

Living in Saint John after graduating in 2004, Steph works full time as a mother and part time employee at McDonalds. She has one boy who is two and a half years old. She is not married.

Steph's most embarrassing moments were "practically every embarrassing moment has been me getting bullied by other kids".

Her favorite teacher was Paul Collrin.

Her biggest accomplishment since leaving high school was having her son and is the founder and president of ECO which stands for Ellerdale & Area Community Organization. Her favorite memory of high school was graduation.

#### Ryan Flynn

After earning his PhD in mechanical engineering in 2001, Ryan works in Fredericton. He is married with 2 daughters. At Simonds, his favourite teacher was Mr. Savoie and his favourite memory was hanging out with his friends. Ryan says his biggest accomplishment was his family. He figures his craziest adventure was having kids!

#### Sarah Ellen McIntyre

Living in Saint John, NB after graduating in 2001, Sarah is a full time mom and artistic photographer
She has 2 children, 1 girl 6 years old, 1 boy who is 1 year old. Sarah has had to be strong for her son as he underwent 3 surgeries so far in his life. Sarah is not married. Her most embarrassing moments from high school was "being bullied". Her favorite teacher was Mr. Matheson. Her biggest accomplishment was having her kids. Her favorite memory from school was hanging with her friends.

#### Jamie Luck

Graduated in 2003 and is now a Medical laboratory technologist. She has 3 girls (12, 6, and 3) and is married to high school sweetheart Matthew Luck. Jamie has travelled to Jamaica and the Dominican. Her favorite teacher was Mr. Dodge and her favorite coach was Mr. Shepard. Her biggest accomplishment was raising 3 wonderful girls. Her favorite memory from school was the Quebec trip. Wildest adventure? "Parenting is a

#### Kathi Hickman

Lives in Charlottetown Prince Edward Island. She graduated in 1999. She has children, which are her biggest accomplishment and is not married. Her favorite memory of high school was sitting in B building with my friends.

#### Lewis Paffile

Lives in New York City after graduating in 1984 where he now owns an Executive Recruiting and Staffing company.
Lewis has 2 Girls 18 and 16.
Lewis has travelled to Italy, Brazil and numerous other spots.
His most embarrassing moment from high school was being called out for taking a 9th grader to my Graduation Dance...lol. "Hey, I was 16 and she was going on 15!"

His favorite teacher is a cross between Mr. Harrison and Mr. Badiuk. His biggest accomplishment since leaving high school was topping his class in all 3 major phases of Naval Officer Training. Ship-handling, Cert of Comp board, and underwater warfare training...and of course, his girls!

Lewis' favorite memory from school is Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat and bonding with the group from the theatre. His wildest and most crazy adventure ever? "um...careful, Lewis...no Tijuana stories...lol. Spent 22 days driving across the entire US visiting 26 states driving from Victoria to Halifax. That's a long story to tell". He has been everything from a CEO to homeless sleeping in a friend's spare office to a CEO again...work on a few boards in NYC for the arts. It has been a busy life, but a fulfilling

#### Tina Weir

pretty wild ride"

Seabee for life!!

Tina is a graduate of 2000. She is married with 2 boys and a girl and lives in Grand Falls - Windsor, Newfoundland. Her favourite memory from Simonds was graduation and her favourite teacher was Mrs. F. Wheaton. Tina's biggest accomplishment since leaving high school was completing college twice - in Business and Criminology. She has traveled to Quebec and home to New Brunswick. Her wildest adventure was hiking across NS and NB with an unknown trucker. Tina's secret passion is tattoos; she loves them!

#### Lisa Carrier

Lives in Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta after graduating in 2006. She is a stay at home mom and taking an online bookkeeping course. She is engaged and has 2 sons (ages 1 & 2), which she feels is her biggest accomplishment. Her favorite teacher was Mr. Shepherd and her favorite memory of high school was graduation.

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#### Class of 2005 - 10-Yr Reunion

On July 3rd, this past summer, the grad class of 2005 celebrated their 10-year reunion at The Bourbon Quarter, in uptown Saint John. With a successful turn-out of 65 former Seabees, a great time was had by all! The evening was spent reminiscing and enjoying a wonderful slide show of "the good old days". Though many of the 2005 grads have built lives here in Saint John, it's not often everyone comes together to celebrate their roots and what they cherished most about Simonds. Students from as far as Calgary, Alberta returned to celebrate their 10-yr reunion! There was great food, great company and an all-around great time! Everyone is looking forward to the 20-year reunion of this really great class! Simonds pride continues.



Tristin Arseneault, Gillian Bennett, Tara Jayne Keeley, Sarah Hickey, Amy (Hickey) Westfield



Tristin Arseneault, Tara Jayne Keeley



Tara Jayne Keeley, Joey Hosford, Corey Jellison, Kendra Fowler



Ally (Irwin) Bennett, Carlene Chown and Sara McDermott



Joleen (Searle) Elder, Mallory (Mallette) Pollock, Janessa Davidson and Jaclyn Goddard







#### **CLASS OF 1983 - 50TH BIRTHDAY PARTY**

Students from the Class of 1983 met on the patio at Mexicali Rosa's in Saint John on August 15, 2015 to celebrate 50+/-birthdays that each one will celebrate this year. The small group met and celebrated with appetizers and a special birthday cake that had a picture from their 30th reunion (from 2 years ago) on it! A fun time was had by all! This class would like to send special Happy 50th Birthday greetings to their classmates who were unable to attend. They hope to see everyone again at their next reunion.



Kevin Kelley, Barb Arsenault, Ray Cormier, Sue (Leger) Allain, Elizabeth Horgan, Jim Cosman, Jacki Smith-Nesbitt, Christine (Ranson) Smith, Kathy Garnett-DeMerchant, Pamela McIntyre and Maurice Losier

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On Saturday, July 25, 2015, Simonds Class of 1975 met at Chuckles Lounge in Parkway Mall for their 40<sup>th</sup> Reunion. Over 80 graduates and guests converged at Chuckles where we dined, chatted and socialized for the evening. Out of town quests came from as far away as Alberta, Michigan, Ontario and P.E.I. Money was raised towards 2 bursaries for next year's graduating class. Thanks go out to the terrific Reunion Committee and to Chuckles Lounge.



Dave Hampton, Andrew Ngo, Elisa (Adriani) Gamble, Barry Ngo, Jim Kiervin, Danny Dobson



Paul McGuire. Nancy Donovan Creamer. Lori Freeze Bennett, Ken Pike



Jerry MacDonald, Connie Brown, Morrell, Christine Cox Flecknell, Joe Flecknell



Rick Marshall, Lori Freeze Bennett, Susan Doucette Keeley, Linda Baldwin, Pauline (Iacuele) Head



50-Year Reunion - Class Photo More details to follow in the next issue!

Lorraine Smith, Lorraine Cormier, Bruce Finley (blue shirt), Pat Scully, Carol MacDonald, Elsie Hunter, Karen Northrup, Dawn Cooper, Lois Dallon, Mrs. Norma Bishop, Bill Bishop.

Eleanor March (yellow jacket), Judy McKee, Jack Riley, Cheryl Meaghan, Ed Sautiere, Anna Baxter, Corry LeClair, Myrna Geldart, Kathy D'Entremont), Sharon Roberts, Mary Lee Dobson, Laraine Murphy, Judy Kraglund Renate Frank (purple jacket), Jim Shillington, Joan Bradshaw, Rick Hodgson, Carole Nelson (sunglasses), David Page, Blair Welch (brown shirt) Rick Page, Marjorie Deuville, Charlene Higgins, Lynda Farrell Suzanne Willis, Heather Friars, Pat Lawton, Harry Corey (blue shirt), Albert MacFarlane (plaid shirt), Eldon Dubee, Paul Wiley, Jeanette Allen, Norma Ross, Daryl Montgomery, George Crowley, Lillian Rooney, Doris Dobbin, Ron Donovan, Tony Bamford, Joan Ellis, Maridel Green Frank Evans, Judianne Moran (red hair), John Coffey, David Price, David Clarke, Lewis Ricker, Paul Gilbride, Frank Doyle, John Greer (black hat), Ervin Morneau (western hat), Ken Lawton, George Downing Half way in - Gerald Pearson (hawaiian shirt), Esther MacDonald, Marilyn Rogers, Ron McCarthy (blue shirt), Gerald Maynard, Doug Holland Tom Nesbitt, Stephen Brown, Erin Brown, Brian Perry, Bev Mills, John Jeffries, Fred Stilwell, Gary Griffin, Judy

Graves, Sandra Dicks, Sabra Parker, John Kelley Teacher - Rita Hale

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#### Class of 1980 - 35-Year Reunion

July 4<sup>th</sup> was a wonderful evening as approximately 75 graduates and guests gathered at the Function Junction to celebrate Simonds Class of 1980 35th Reunion.

The evening was spent dancing, singing and catching up. A big hit was the photo booth with lots of props which resulted in some great pictures and many laughs.

A memory board prompted the sharing of stories of our classmates who have passed on.

All in all, we had a blast at the  $35^{th}$  and we are already planning for our  $40^{th}!$ 

If you are a graduate or have any information on a graduate from the 1980 graduating class, we would love to hear from you. Please send any updates to simondsclassof1980@gmail.com



Reunion Committee- Patty Hanlon Dugay, Darlene McNeill Gosling, Kelly Keating Purdy, Susan Carpenter, Chris Williams, Leigha Lockhart Capson



Patricia Farrell McGuire, Darlene McNeill Gosling, Donna Horgan, Kim Goguen Williams, Alyson Williston Reid, Nancy Wisted Lang, Sara Stairs, Karen Reid Davis





#### Class of 1990 - 25-Year Reunion

The Class of 1990 celebrated their 25-year reunion on August 22, 2015 at Canterbury Lounge in Saint John. A small group turned out, but a great time of reminiscing and laughs was had by all.



Kevin O'Brien, Sabra (Dallon) Howe, Wendi (Morgan) MacVicar, Darren Steeves, Leigh Redstone-Chambers, Kim (Oaks) Fields, John Black, Diane Armstrong

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#### You are welcome to The Work Room!

Located across from the main office at Simonds High.

The Work Room is a state-of-the art career resource centre open to all members of the public.

We are here to assist you in all phases of career planning and job search.

The Work Rooms can help you:

- Explore Career Fields
- Internet Access for Job Search and Online Applications
- Resume Writing and Cover Letters
- Refine your Interview Skills / Mock Interviews
- Assistance with Student Loan Applications
- Find Job Opportunities
- Fax Machine and Photocopier Service Available

The Work Rooms are open to everyone in the community - FREE OF CHARGE!

8:15am - 4:30pm Monday - Friday. (Open on inservice days)

Visit us at www.careersthatwork.ca or Give Us a Call! - 506.643.7422



#### SIMONDS HIGH FOOTBALL - SCHEDULE OF GAMES - FALL 2015

DATE	VISITOR	HOME	TIME	LOCATION
Fri Sept 11	Simonds	Saint John	7:00PM	Canada
		High		Games
Fri Sept 18	Simonds	Leo Hayes	7:00PM	Scotia Pk N.
Fri Sept 25	KVHS	Simonds	4:30PM	Simonds
Sat Oct 3	Saint John	Simonds	1:00PM	Simonds
	High			
Fri Oct 9	Simonds	Oromocto	7:00PM	Oromocto
		High		High
Fri Oct 16	Simonds	KVHS	7:00PM	KVHS
Sat Oct 24	Fredericton High	Simonds	1:00PM	Simonds

The playoffs will follow these regular schedule games.

Please come on out to our home games and / or follow us "on the road". Cheers us on as we try to uphold the Simonds High football tradition.



# SHS PINK DAY 2015!!!

Do you remember celebrating Pink Day at Simonds?

## BRAG CORNER!!

The Work Room, housed at Simonds High, held their first retail job fair that was offered to Simonds students. Approximately 15 retail stores accepted resumes and set up interviews. Two students were hired on the spot and many more were accepted for interviews. From this event, many Simonds students secured part time jobs.

Congratulations on this very successful venture!

# Join the Alumni

Take a moment and be certain you register your email address with simondshighalumni@gmail.com Be sure to include your full (maiden if applicable) name and the year you graduated. This email and the Simonds High Alumni Facebook page will be the primary way we will communicate information and events with you. Don't delay, send the email and join our Facebook group today and get your name on the list.

Always looking for new members of our Alumni Committee! If you can volunteer some of your time, we would love to have you onboard!



Finally! Cooler weather! Not complaining but school is in, pumpkins are ripe and Simonds is glowing green & gold! Stepping into the 'past-president' chair, I am going to tell you of the wonderful, dedicated, sincere volunteers that have helped me in my years as president. This handful of people take their time to make this Alumni work. They are a small group, but are as reliable as time itself. The dances, fundraisers, memorial garden, yearbooks, Christmas Expo and of course, themselves. Just by speaking up and being there for events, when others can't - just priceless!! I applaud them all!! For the future Alumni, I hope that all who read this, take some time to reflect on what they might be able to do for the Alumni, to help and make this Alumni stronger and have more involvement. Time, in small amounts, will be the key to this. Think about this...it's so easy...just do it!!

Thank-you for the privilege to serve as your Alumni President, to our Simonds High School...GREEN & GOLD FOREVER!!!

Erin McPhee SHS Alumni Past President

A proactive Alumni is very important to a School and its community. I would like to thank the folks that nominated me as well as the group that gave me the nod to be Alumni President for this term. Graduating in 1991 from Simonds, I have always promoted the Green and Gold to any young person that I knew lived in our zone. I believe that we have something special here that cannot easily be put into words but everyone "Gets It" when we hear the phrase "Simonds Pride Continues".

I believe a strong Alumni needs to bend the ear of so many levels and to be integrated into the current administration and student body taking an active role in leading change. As well as reach out to all graduates, near and far to allow them to be a voice and contribute to the success of the School they once called home. We, as Alumni, need to be involved with everything from the arts, to sports, and of course academics and support the needs of our student body through support programs initiated by our Alumni. We currently have a small, dedicated group of individuals that are on the executive and other volunteers that help out with event planning. We need to grow this to be able to allow our school to rise to the top in our community and be able to take on some of today's challenges. Be a part of that change today. Contact me or anyone on the Alumni executive to see how you can make a difference.

Thank you. Troy RJ Richard

Simonds Alumni President