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Ron Wakelin, Chair of the NT Foundation, presents cheques to Josh (top), from *Graffiti*, the school's newspaper, and Subin (bottom), from Peer Assistance Leaders (PALs), which helps Grade 9 students adjust to high school. Also pictured is William Mack, NT's principal (centre).

Foundation Dragons' Den Connects Students and Alumni

Every spring and fall, the Foundation hosts a Dragons' Den to decide which student groups to sponsor with financial support. These popular events connect students and alumni, and ensure the Foundation backs activities that create a vibrant experience for all students.

The Remembrance Day Committee, the Robotics Team and the Varsity Boys Hockey Team made strong, spirited cases for financial support last fall. The Remembrance Day Committee received funding to hire a professional piper, buy parchment paper for programmes, and host receptions for veterans, volunteers and teachers. After cleverly hiding a robot in their presentation, the Robotics Team received a grant to help send three teams to the prestigious VEX Robotics Competition, where one qualified for the Provincials. The Boys Varsity Hockey Team received partial funding for new jerseys and socks, and went on to earn a spot in the regional semi-finals in spiffy new duds.

Two more student groups received financial support in the spring: the *Graffiti* newspaper team and the Peer Assistance Leaders (PALs), which guides Grade 9 students as they transition to high school. The newspaper's energetic business team received funding to replace the 10-year-old editorial computer, and the PALs received financial support for mentorship workshops, pizza-cash for ice-breaking lunches and for vests and T-shirts.

Help us support student groups like these by making a donation to the Foundation. Go to www.canadahelps.org and look up North Toronto Collegiate Institute Foundation in *Find a Charity* under the *Donate* tab.

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Honouring Barbara Kamienski

This issue of the North Toronto Foundation Newsletter is dedicated to former editor Barbara Kamienski ('71), who lost her battle with cancer while this edition of the newsletter was being finalized. She passed away on June 5.

Barbara excelled academically at NT, but playing the French horn was her passion. She studied music in Germany, and played professionally for over 20 years in several significant orchestras in Europe. After returning to Canada, Barbara embarked on her second career as an editor.

Barbara joined the Foundation in 2014 as editor, and charted new directions in communications with alumni. Her laughter, wit, generosity of spirit and keen eye for detail will be greatly missed. We salute her.

Join the Norse Club

The Foundation has launched a new monthly giving program. Aptly called the Norse Club, the program is a way for alumni to donate to the Foundation every month.

Your generous monthly donation will help the Foundation continue to support NT students by providing scholarships and grants. When you donate to the Foundation, you support:

- ongoing archival initiatives to preserve the school's history
- alumni engagement events
- student clubs through the Dragon's Den granting program
- · scholarships and bursaries for students
- the rich heritage and reputation of NTCI.

You'll also be recognized as a monthly donor in Foundation's newsletters and website and receive a charitable tax receipt.

Go to www.ntci.on.ca/foundation to join now!

Fundraiser Supports NT Athletics

Toronto Maple Leafs hockey legend Bobby Baun was a special guest at *Reignite*, the North Toronto Athletic Committee's second annual fundraiser at the Safari Bar & Grill in April. *Reignite*, which featured a silent auction and a sporty gift for all those who attended, also helped fulfill the committee's mission to connect the past with the present and build the future of athletics at NT.

Reignite made more money and attracted more participation than last year, so plans are already afoot for next year's event. The athletics department will decide where to direct the funds, but last year's event supported new acquisitions like the weight room and much needed sports equipment.

The committee thanks all supporters for all for their passion, participation and amazing support of athletics at NT.

Reunion Roundup

For many alumni, the friendships formed over four or five years at NT last well after graduation. It's no surprise, then, that so many graduating classes gather every year to share memories and rekindle friendships. Read on to learn more about three special events.

Class of '65 Prepares for 2020

The class of '65 gathered for a special lunch at La Veranda Osteria in Toronto on May 26. So much fun was had that the class is already beginning to plan for a special 55th anniversary in the spring of 2020. Contact Janice Gillespie (janiceigillespie@rogers.com) to learn more or volunteer to join in the planning.

Calling All '69ers

It's been 50 years since the Apollo 11 moon landing, Woodstock and the birth of the Montreal Expos. And, 50 years (gulp) since one aspiring group of North Toronto students graduated after five years of endeavouring to "bring thee fame and glory." Some of those graduates are planning a reunion for the Class of '69 in Toronto from October 25 to 27. The activities are still being finalized, but they may include a dinner reception, an NT football game, and a school tour.

If you graduated in 1969, please contact Liz Driver (liz. driver@sympatico.ca), John Gillies (john.s.gillies@gmail.com), Glen Jones (glenjonesdesu@gmail.com), Dana Moore (danamooret@gmail.com), or Michael Tzekas (mtzekas@gmail.com). Provide your name, email address, telephone number, city and province of residence. We'd also like the names and current contact information of any fellow alumni that you might know of. Suggestions for reunion events are also welcome.

Five-year Reunion Raises Money for Foundation

The Class of '13 had such a successful five-year reunion that many attendees are already looking forward to the 10-year reunion in 2023. Organized by Marcus Gottlieb, Rachel Loo, Jill Smith, Robert Zhang, Megan Abbey, Sabina Wex, Shane Wright and Noam Hacker, the event was held in August at Geary Lane. It featured helium-filled balloons, and a "remember when" slideshow that scrolled on a wall. Food included 200 chicken nuggets, 50 fry orders from McDonald's and a signature vodka-cranberry drink named The Roehampton. Over 65 tickets were sold, and proceeds of \$475 were donated to the Foundation.

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Student Trophies Mark a Legacy of Achievement

North Toronto has several trophies that mark a legacy of student achievement that carries on to this day:

- the Hill, Ford and Kaethler Trophy for Leadership and Cooperation in Grade 11 and 12 Music – awarded around 1967
- the J.M. Greene Music Company Trophy for Citizenship, Scholarship and Music – awarded from 1947 to 1978
- the Kerr Trophy for Student Leadership awarded from 1927 to present
- the North Toronto Trophy for Junior Oratory awarded from 1957 to 1962
- the NTCI Juvenile Sports Champion Trophy awarded from 1957 to 1978
- the Ostrander Trophy for Proficiency and Leadership in Athletics awarded to girls from 1939 to 1975
- the Seaforth Cup Interscholastic Sports Competition awarded in 1958
- the Sifton Trophy for School Citizenship awarded from 1939 to present
- the TS Harbord Invitational Jr. Basketball Tournament awarded from 1960 to 1996.

Here are the stories behind three of these awards.

The Ostrander Trophy

The origin of this trophy is a bit of a mystery. However, thanks to some sleuthing by our intrepid alumni, we believe that it is connected to the Ostrander family, who owned a well-known eponymous jewellery chain. We still don't know, though, who donated the trophy and why it supported young women in athletics.

We do know about some of the accomplished young women who received the award. For example, the intriguing yearbook entry for Mary Ellis, who received the trophy in 1974, includes: "adidas, football shoulders, moon boots, ice cream parties, Vermont, Frans, Hubert!"

She lived in Banff in the 1980s, and attended the University of Calgary, where she was a part of the university rowing team. After receiving a bachelor of science, she worked as a pharmaceutical representative for Novo Nordisk. When she passed away on December 4, 2009, her obituary noted that she was the NTCI Female Athlete of the Year when she was in Grade 13.

The Kerr Trophy

While the Kerr Trophy today was traditionally given to a female student, it was originally awarded to Bruce Whidden. He was recognized for his "first proficiency in scholarship, character, leadership and games," and received the trophy from Trustee Hugh Livingston Kerr during Commencement on November 19, 1927.

Kerr graduated from the University of Toronto in 1903 with an honours degree in mineralogy. He was a TDSB trustee from 1922 to 1933, serving as its chairman in 1926.

A strong leader, he encouraged people to "get things done" and would ask trustees to "say what is pertinent and say it quickly." He was a Rotary Club member, president of the Scarboro Golf Club, and sailed at the Royal Canadian Yacht Club. He died in 1945.

The award evolved in the 1930s to recognize an outstanding female student in her last year, and recently evolved again. No longer tied to gender, the Kerr and Sifton trophies now respectively recognize student leadership and citizenship.

The Sifton Trophy

The Sifton Trophy was presented to NTCI by Mrs. Harold Sifton to be awarded annually to a graduating male who has shown academic excellence. The trophy recognizes the school's contribution to the education of her son Clifford (who received the trophy in 1939), and the significant contributions the Sifton family made to the community and our country.

Clifford was named after his grandfather who, in 1896, was elected a member of Parliament in the government of Sir Wilfred Laurier. His key achievement as Minister of the Interior was creating an immigration policy that brought people to the west. After his NTCI days, the young Clifford went on to own several newspapers, including the *Regina Leader-Post* and *Saskatoon Star-Phoenix*.

In Memoriam

Ralph Halbert ('48)

A noted visionary and philanthropist, Robert Halbert was born in Toronto in 1930. He was a strong student and athlete at NTCI who initially become a dentist with a specialty in orthodontics, but turned to real estate after 10 years.

He and his partners founded Glen Corporation, which developed residential communities, business parks and commercial developments. His successful business dealings fueled his passion for giving back, and he was deeply committed to the value of higher education and the importance of innovation.

He served as a board member of Fulbright Canada, and with his wife, established the Programme of Canadian Studies at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Renamed the Halbert Centre for Canadian Studies in 1995, the centre fosters research and promotes the knowledge of Canadian civilization in Israeli. He also established the Ralph & Roslyn Halbert Fund for the Centre for Jewish Studies, co-founded the Ramat Hasharon Israel Tennis Centre in Israel, and was one of the early backers of the Canadian Open tennis tournament (now known as the Rogers Cup) at York University.

Ralph passed away on December 4, 2018.

Charles Albert "Bud" Hill (NT Staff '62–'69)

"Inside the tiger was the most gentle and caring soul," wrote one former student of Charles Albert "Bud" Hill. An unforgettable musician and educator, he was known for his rants on the proper way to play a dotted eighth and 16th, the virtues of an Alford march over a "never-to-be-played" Sousa march, and the need to attend TSO student concerts in order to pass. Then there was his infamous rejoinder to brass players: "just pick up the horn and WAIL, man!"

On staff at NTCI for just seven years during the 1960s, Bud's impact on the music program was enormous. The NT music room was a Bud original: instruments were labelled in yellow duct tape for Grade 9 students, grey for Grade 10, and white for senior students. All dictated by Bud's colour blindness, which explains why he drove a yellow car and most of his ties were yellow—white, black, grey and yellow were the only colours he could see.

Bud was a talented composer and accomplished arranger with an uncanny ability to score perfectly for his performers while delighting his audiences. Bud's Maytime Melodies medleys were crafted with care, and his arrangement of O Canada is still the standard at NT. Passionate, inspirational, and fiercely patriotic, Bud's contribution to music education is immeasurable. Bud passed away on May 3, 2018.

James "Jim" Laxer ('60)

James "Jim" Laxer was a professor in the Department of Equity Studies at York University and a well-known political activist and economist.

He was born in Montreal on December 22, 1941 into a politically active family. He started high school at Oakwood Collegiate but after two years transferred to North Toronto CI, where he thrived. At the University of Toronto and Queen's University, he was an active student journalist at *The Varsity* and *The Queen's Journal*.

Jim played a central role in left-wing politics in the 1960s and 1970s. He ran for the leadership of the New Democratic Party (NDP), and helped found the Waffle, a left-wing nationalist movement within the NDP. Ultimately forced out of the NDP, the Waffle briefly became a separate political party, but Laxer and others were unable to get elected federally, leading to its demise.

Laxer then focused on teaching and writing at York University. He authored over 20 books on the Canadian economy, politics, free trade, the oil and gas industry and history. He also hosted a current affairs show, a National Film Board series, and wrote for many Canadian newspapers and magazines.

Jim passed away on February 23, 2018.

Robert ("Bob") LeRoy (Class of '61)

Robert James LeRoy was a professor of chemistry and the Associate Dean of Science for Computing at the University of Waterloo. One of Canada's foremost theoretical chemists, Bob was the second of four brothers, all of whom attended NTCI.

He was a keen and talented student. In his last year of high school, Bob wrote three math exams, receiving a perfect mark in two, and a little less in the third.

"He knew where he had made a careless error and he lamented about it for weeks after," recalled his brother John ('67). "He knew he should have been perfect in all three."

Bob earned his degrees from the University of Toronto, and the University of Wisconsin-Madison, then spent his academic career at the University of Waterloo. He studied the behaviour

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of molecules and atoms, and the forces occurring among them, and would often say that "I study the sex life of molecules."

He was a giant in his chosen field, and Ontario high school chemistry students still learn the LeRoy radius, a technique for mathematically defining the radius of a small molecule. "Robert...exhibited indomitable courage and infectious joy in his creative life," remembers John Polanyi, winner of the 1986 Nobel Prize in chemistry.

Bob passed away August 10, 2018.

Also remembering...

Sam Baker ('18), October 24, 2018 Maggie Bates (Staff '79), May 14, 2018 Catherine Etta (Shortt) Beverly ('53), May 28, 2018 Rev. William Iver Campbell ('37), April 15, 2019 Marlene (Taylor) Chadwick ('52), May 27, 2018 Derek Locke Davidson ('75), February 17, 2019 Lucas Disher ('12), July 12, 2018 Tracy Dunbrack ('07), November 4, 2018 Hugh Donald Forrest ('55), November 10, 2018 Ann Marilyn (Sweetman) Hillmer ('51), October 6, 2018 James "Jim" Clayton Howarth ('45), February 10, 2018 William "Al" Marshall ('59), January 23, 2019 George Charles McCausland ('53), August 24, 2018 Dr. Douglas John Kerr Mewhort ('60), February 28, 2019 Lara Pajunen ('87), February 7, 2019 Brian Pearson ('84), June 23, 2018 Mary Elizabeth (Powell) Roberts ('45), March 24, 2019 David Alexander Stirling ('06), March 11, 2019 John Thurston ('51), August 17, 2018



Scholarship Winners' Photographs

If you attended NT any time prior to the 1990s, you will probably remember the rows of photos that lined the main wall of the foyer. Discretely framed, with five faces to a frame, these were photos of NT students who won university scholarships from 1919 to 1986, a claim to academic excellence on full display. The practice stopped in 1986, and the photos were removed in the 1990s, carelessly stored wherever space could be found: in the back of the auditorium under the stairs, the "kitchen-cumarchives room," the boiler room, and the caretakers' room.

When I took over the care of the archives, I did not realize that the photos were so unloved. I appealed to the school board's conservationist for advice on how to take better care of them. Several months before the big move, I asked the caretakers to locate all the photos. We don't have enough space to store 348 framed photographs, so I removed them from their frames, and carefully noted the information about them, aided by a typed list that a former secretary had kept of the winners.

After the move, I scanned the photos and placed the original pictures into binders, recording each name and scholarship. We now have four large binders and a USB key with the scanned photos, available for anyone who would like to see them.

However, much to my dismay, we never found photos and scholarship information for:

- 1964: Susan Lederman, Douglas Long, Warren Milne, Glen Patterson, Peteris Zvilna
- 1965: Francis Aboud, Jacqueline Constam, Georg Gunther, Lorraine Koffman, Sheldon Larry
- 1969: Wendy Wayling (listed as having no photograph)
- 1971: Paul Eprille, Ingid Jarvis, Jan Shapiro, Dianne Short, Martin Snelgrove, Marilyn Thomson
- 1981: Peter Chan, Helen Ferrigan, Stephen Ko, Christopher McLeod, Paul Quinn
- 1982: Michael Armstrong, Peter Wan
- 1983: Jill MacDonald

I have scanned and enlarged the yearbook photos for these students, but if you have information about the scholarships these alumni won and/or a copy of their scholarship photos, I would appreciate hearing from you. You can contact me at: ntcifoundation@ntci.on.ca.

-Nancy Baines, Archivist, NTCI Foundation

Joseph "Joe" Cressy ('03)

Toronto city councillor Joe Cressy was recently featured in *Toronto Life*, where he opened up about the panic attacks and anxiety issues that ultimately led him to seek treatment.

Cressy has served on council since 2014, and was re-elected in 2018 by one of the widest margins of any councillor in the city. One of the youngest members of council, he's already made a mark, sitting on the Toronto Board of Health, the Toronto Community Housing Corporation Board of Directors, the Subcommittee on Climate Change and Adaptation, and the Parks and Environment Committee.

Joe characterizes his time at NT as a formative experience, and his teachers as mentors, highlighting Ms. McConnachie and Ms. Whelan, who instilled in him an interest in politics and social justice.

"We were kids at North Toronto, but even then we believed we could change the world for the better," he said. "I grew up at North Toronto.... I can't express how grateful I am to North Toronto (the teachers, coaches, students and administrators) for setting me on the path that I continue to walk down today."

Catherine Porter ('91)

Catherine Porter recently published *A Girl Named Lovely: One Child's Miraculous Survival and My Journey to the Heart of Haiti.* It's an insightful and uplifting memoir about a young Haitian girl in post-earthquake Haiti, and the profound, life-changing effect she had on Catherine's life.

Catherine is the Toronto bureau chief for *The New York Times*. She specializes in narrative journalism, "immersing [herself] in stories to turn up intimate details and unrehearsed moments." She previously worked as a city hall reporter, an environment writer, and a columnist for *The Toronto Star*, where she wrote about social justice issues and published three e-books.

Catherine speaks fondly of her high school days.

"I loved my time at North Toronto," she said. "The coaches and teachers helped build up my confidence and broaden my world. The friendships I made there still sustain me."

Catherine has won two National Newspaper Awards and the Landsberg Award for her professional work, and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee for community activism in her east-end pocket of Toronto.

Paul Raff ('86)

The Paul Raff Studio, headed by architect Paul Raff, has won a prestigious 2018 CODAworx Award for "Atmospheric Lens," an architectural feature at the Vaughn Metropolitan Centre subway station.

Commissioned by the TTC for the Toronto-York Subway Extension as part of an official mandate to recognize the importance of the user's experience in the new infrastructure, this public artwork is recognized for successfully integrating art into interior, architectural, or public spaces.

This award is one of many that Paul and the Paul Raff Studio have received. In 2001, he became the youngest ever recipient of the Ontario Association of Architects' Allied Arts Award for lifetime achievement and in 2009 was awarded the Allied Arts Medal by the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada.

Catherine Trueman ('92)

Catherine Trueman was nominated Citizen of the Year and received the Project of the Year award for the Squamish Chapter of 100 Women Who Care from the Squamish Chamber of Commerce Business Awards in May.

Trueman founded the chapter in 2017, and since then the group has raised over \$60,000 for the community through a simple but effective process. Members meet for one hour, four times a year, to hear presentations from local non-profits. They vote on the organization most in need of support, and then each member writes a cheque for \$100 to the one that has the most votes.

It's based on the 100 Who Care alliance, which has approximately 600 chapters around the world. After starting with about 30 members, it's grown to over 100. One more chapter has been established in Pemberton and Whistler, as well as 100 Kids Who Care.

Catherine said that her years at NTCI fostered a love of collaboration, and helped her learn the myriad of benefits that come from working together. "All these years later, I still smile every time I see an ad for Kids Help Phone knowing the two weeks we came together as a school, putting on a variety of events to raise funds for them and kept them from closing down," she said. "The students I collaborated with became fast friends, and I'm still close with many of them to this day."

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NT Entrepreneurs

Bowling for Success: Bernice Lum ('82)

Family history inspired art for Bernice Lum, who uses wit and humour to tell stories through her work. For a recent soldout show at the PULSE Contemporary Art Fair in Miami last December, Bernice bought 100 old bowling pins and turned them into caricatures of pop culture icons.

"The inspiration to use bowling pins came from the story of when my oldest brother, Charles, was born," explained Bernice. Her father had a bowling tournament final on the day her mother was to give birth, so he bowled while she was at the hospital.

"When Charles was born, the hospital called the bowling alley to tell my dad the news and celebratory cigars were bought for everyone at the bowling alley."

The pins are an homage to her brother and father who passed away seven and three years ago respectively. It's the latest step in her successful career.

Lum studied graphic design at Sheridan College, then freelanced at several Toronto design companies and CityTV. In 1988, she moved to London, England where she freelanced for design consultants, and turned to drawing. In recent years, her career as an illustrator has taken her in many directions. She has published over 50 books and has clients in North America and abroad.

You can read more about Bernice and her work on her website, www.bernicelum.com.



Bernice Lum's pop culture caricatures, created from vintage bowling pins, were a hit at a sold-out show in Miami last December.

North Toronto Traditions Continue

What memories do you conjure when you think of your days at North Toronto? Showing school pride on Red and Grey Day? Reading the latest copy of *Graffiti* in homeroom? Raising money during Charity Week? Rehearsing for Maytime Melodies?

These are all activities that continue to be a hallmark of the student experience at NT.

Charity Week has certainly changed over the years, but its purpose remains the same: raising money for a non-profit organization that students are passionate about. Today's events include a multicultural luncheon hosted by the Classics department, a raffle and "home form booths" that sell everything from pizza to sing-o-grams. Students have raised money for *Shine Bright*, which supports youth struggling with mental health issues, and *Forests Ontario*, which supports forest restoration and stewardship.

Maytime Melodies remains the pride of NT, though it's now two days instead of three.

This year's festival featured a special performance of "Defying Gravity" by the Grade 10 Class and the Hodgson Wind Ensemble, conducted by NT alumnus and new Hodgson music teacher, Evan Tarleton. During the second evening, students presented NT music teacher, Elizabeth Monteith—known to students as *Momteith*—with a special acknowledgement marking 25 years at NT! Both nights finished according to tradition with a raucous rendition of the school song, an uplifting and fitting ending to all NT events.

The NTCI Foundation

The NTCI Foundation is an advisory board of about 20 members—comprising alumni, retired staff, student representatives and the current principal—who meet at the school six times a year with the goal, outlined in our mission statement, of preserving "the rich heritage and reputation of NTCI as a fine example of public education by supporting current students through scholarships and grants; promoting and encouraging alumni events; and facilitating ongoing communication between and among alumni and the school."

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2018 Scholarship Winners

Betty Bealey Laureateship in English (\$300.00): **Anastasia Zaritovskaya** Gibbons Award in French (\$500.00): **Mahshad Jalali Farahani** Hal Brown "Triple A" Award (\$300.00): **Marco Pannozzo** Kerr Trophy for Young Women (\$500.00): **Eloise Cockett** NTCI Foundation Centennial Scholarship (\$500.00): **Eric Yuyitung** R.R.H. "Bud" Page Valedictory Prize (\$300.00): **Eloise Cockett** Senator Keith Davey Award (625.00): **Emily Sakaguchi** Sifton Trophy for Young Men (\$500.00): **Max Zimmerman**

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Published once a year, *Foundation News* is the North Toronto Collegiate Institute Alumni Newsletter. It features stories about NT students and staff (past and present), as well as information about the Foundation and its activities.

We want to hear from you. Tell us your stories, your successes and your latest news. Maybe you know of successful alumni that we should profile, or of a fellow alumni that has recently passed. We'd also want to know about alumni who have established their own business specializing in a unique product or service for a new feature on entrepreneurial alumni. We're looking forward to hearing all your news. Email us at ntcifoundation@ntci.on.ca, and put *for the newsletter* in the subject line.

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We're always happy to hear from you, and would welcome your participation. Let us know if you've moved or changed your email, want to make a donation or are interested in joining the advisory board. We're also always looking for people to help us:

- write copy for the newsletter
- help maintain our database
- help maintain our website
- lend a hand with the school archives
- · help us better serve the school and our alumni.

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