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# NTCI 100th Anniversary Reunion Plans

By Nicole Dowling

## May 10th to 13th, 2012

**Only one year left until our beloved NT celebrates a century of community life and quality education... and it's going to be great!**

**Mark your calendars now and plan to attend NT's 100th Anniversary Celebrations. This will be a chance to connect with old friends, make some new ones, and get to know the newest generation of students.**

With loads of exciting events over four days, there will be something for everyone:

- Athletic Night at Spirale (Thursday, May 10th)
- Golf Tournament (Friday, May 11th)
- Alumni Maytime Melodies at Roy Thomson Hall (Friday, May 11th)
- Staff Breakfast, followed by tours of the NEW North Toronto and student talent show (Saturday, May 12th)
- Centennial Gala at the Liberty Grand (Saturday, May 12th)
- Closing Ceremonies at NT (Sunday, May 13th)

...and much, much more!

If you would like to be a part of the Centennial planning team, please contact the Chair of the 100th Anniversary Committee, Nicole Dowling, at [nt100th@gmail.com](mailto:nt100th@gmail.com). We are still recruiting volunteers for our committees (including Memorabilia, Registration and the Gala), as well as alumni with specialized skills and talents who would be interested in volunteering their services (photographers, DJs, bands, etc.).

The Music Committee is also looking for alumni musicians to perform in Maytime Melodies. If you are interested in doing so, please contact Cat Cunningham, Co-Chair of the Music Committee, at [nt100thmusic@gmail.com](mailto:nt100thmusic@gmail.com).

You can keep up to date with the Centennial plans by joining our Facebook group (NTCI 100th Anniversary — May 2012) or by following us on Twitter (NT100th).

We've traveled a long way since our years at NT... let's come together to celebrate the spirit that put us on the road.

**This is OUR piece of history, this is OUR celebration, this is OUR 100 years. Be There!**

## Photos and Fun

We need any NT Memorabilia that might be lurking in your cupboards and drawers. Would you please loan or gift these items to the NT Archives for displays at the upcoming reunion in 2012?

If you have any such material, please clearly date and identify the items and mail or deliver them to the school, marked **Attention: Archives Reunion Display**. After the Reunion, we will send back items you wish to have returned as long as a return address is included.

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Toronto, ON M4P 1T7**

- You get to clear out your attics.
- You ensure that the items will find a good home.
- We at the NT Archives acquire interesting new artifacts and photos.
- We all will have wonderful displays for the Reunion.

# NTCI 100th Anniversary Limited Edition Book

By Nancy Gale McFadden (NT 1970, Teacher 1976-81)

on behalf of The Committee: Nancy Baines (Teacher 1968-2001), Mike Filey (NT 1961), and Ron Wakelin (NT 1964)

***Hail North Toronto: Celebrating a Century* is a limited edition book being produced in celebration of our school's 100th anniversary. It will capture memories of our years at NT with a combination of photos and personal anecdotes.**

Teams of alumni volunteers have sourced the school Archives and reached out to the North Toronto community in order to compile a history of our collective legacy and personal experiences.

NT evolved from serving a rural town, to become a citywide school earning its reputation for superior academics, athletics, spirit and music. The physical facilities were upgraded many times, most recently with a brand-new building in 2010, but the people and programs have always been at the centre of its story.

Curriculum innovation and superb teaching were and still are legendary. Sports dominated, music inspired and clubs engaged. These personal stories are at the heart of this tale.

*"Wind students were required to play in the Marching Band. That was fine by me. The Band was fun, and we had a great time marching in the Santa Claus Parade. The problem came when the band played at half time of our football games. Since I played on the football team, I figured there would be an exception for me. Not so. Rules were rules. Much to my consternation and everyone's amusement, after the second quarter I had to quickly rip off my football jersey, don my band jacket, and play the trombone at my own half time performance! Thankfully this requirement was later relaxed."*

— Ron Wakelin '64

## How to get your copy:

- If you haven't done so already, send your email to **nt100th@gmail.com** in order to get notice of the presale in the fall of 2011.
- When you get the notice of the presale, order as many copies as you want in a timely fashion before the holiday season. The hardcover book will be under \$35.
- If you do not use email, write to the following address to request an order form:

**NTCI Foundation  
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**Don't miss out!**





# You Did It, NTCI... and the Rest is History

By Neal Irwin (Chair, NTCI Foundation)

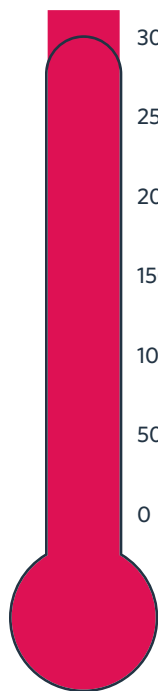
## Red & Grey Spirit Campaign is Over the Top

The Red & Grey Spirit Campaign — conducted since 2008 by the Foundation and concluded December 31, 2010 — exceeded its \$300,000 target and is helping to fund the multi-faceted Heritage Program.

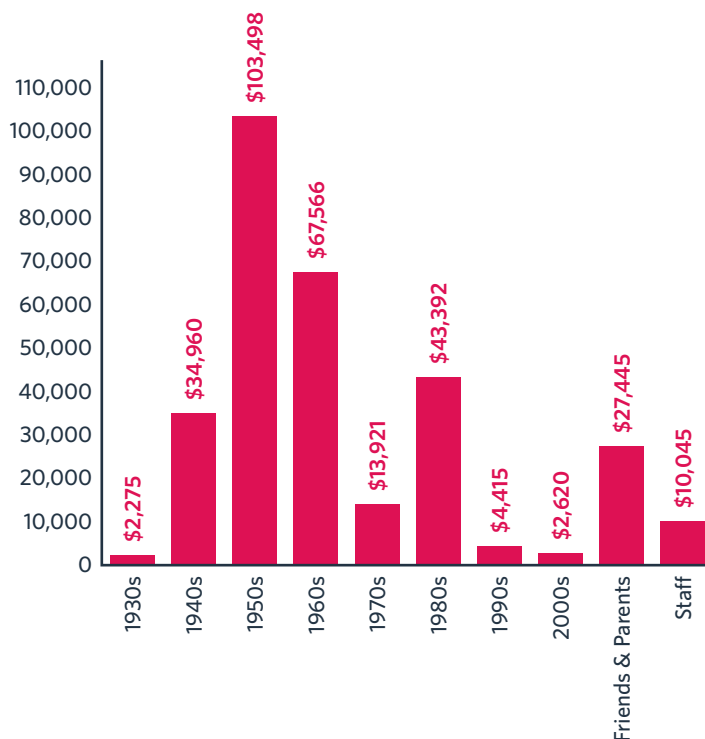
Thanks to the generosity of its 8000 alumni, staff and friends, the school's distinguished 100-year history is being celebrated and incorporated into the new building in a manner that wouldn't have been possible without this support.

### Total Donations

**\$310,135**



### Donations by Decade



## It's a Work-in-Progress

**Work continues:** to populate the display cabinets with reminders of our history, finish the wall display panels, install the school's name on the north wall, complete the computer-display systems, and install the Wall of Spirit.

And, of course, work will commence on the new playing field when demolition of the old building is complete. Plan to come back for the 100th Reunion in May 2012 (see article on page 2) to see all this in place.

The final Donor List for the Red & Grey Spirit Campaign is included as an insert to this newsletter. If you contributed to the Campaign, **PLEASE CHECK THIS LIST and tell us if we've recorded your name or other information incorrectly** — email Neal Irwin at [nirwin@ibigroup.com](mailto:nirwin@ibigroup.com) or call 416-488-2102.

This list — with any last-minute corrections — will be etched in glass on the Wall of Spirit, to be installed later in 2011, and we want to get it right. **Deadline for any corrections is June 30, 2011.**

## Heritage Program is Largely in Place, But Still Ongoing

### Key features of the Program include:

**The Heritage Court:** interior courtyard which includes architectural features reclaimed from the original 98-year old building; inscribed paving stones honouring former teachers, students, teams and activities; a historic plaque describing these features of the Court and listing the school's nine Principals since 1912; a honey locust tree; and sitting areas — a favourite student retreat.

**The Heritage Room:** meeting room for the Foundation's Advisory Board and other purposes which contains heritage displays and the school portrait of the building circa 1955, commissioned by the Foundation and painted by artist Barry Bowerman (NT'67).

**The Archive Room:** stores and preserves NTCI's history in the form of key documents, photos and digital records.

**Wall Panels:** student honour boards, war memorial plaques and framed photos commemorating generations of NT grads; scholars, athletes, musicians and those who, as soldiers, gave their lives for Canada.

**School Banner:** permanent bracket on the north wall for a display banner that can be seen by passers-by on Broadway Avenue, currently featuring NTCI's 100th Anniversary Reunion, May 10-13, 2012.

**A Time Capsule:** placed behind the cornerstone by the front entrance; contains, (among other things) a letter from today's NT alumni and Principal to the school's students 100 years from now, when this building may be replaced and the capsule opened.

**School Name:** permanent lettering on the north wall, more visible from Broadway than the existing lettering on the west wall overlooking the playing field.

**Display Cabinets:** distributed in the halls; displaying trophies, photos and other memorabilia.

**Display Screens:** computer-driven display screens that will be installed in the main lobby and in the Heritage Room.

**Wall of Spirit:** plaques permanently recognizing the more than 500 donors who gave \$310,135 to help make this happen and naming teachers and others honoured by many of the donations.

Members of the NTCI Alumni Association Board of Directors pose with the Bowerman painting in the Heritage Room where the picture is now on permanent display.



# New School Facts

**The 85 staff and 1180 students now occupy a 156,000 square foot LEED building with 46 classrooms, 9 with state of the art science equipment.**

In addition, on the first floor there are three music classrooms with five music practice rooms, a fully equipped drama studio with curtains and mirror wall and a fully equipped digital/keyboard music lab and the *pièce de résistance*; a spectacular new theatre.

On the second floor there are three art rooms, a kiln equipped pottery room, a darkroom, a digital media computer lab, the staff lounge and a large, bright new library with numerous study carrels and computer stations, and the NTCI Alumni Association Heritage Room.

The majority of the classrooms are on the third floor along with a dedicated yearbook room, and a room for the student council and school newspaper.

The top floor is home to more classrooms, the science rooms, a greenhouse and access to the green roof.



Theatre



Cafeteria



Courtyard



# Heritage Stone Donors

# In Memoriam

Two of the groups that donated stones in the Heritage Court:  
The NTCI Senior Football Team, 1944 City Champions, and the Sauro family, four members of which pose in front of the Sauro Siblings stone in the Heritage Court.



## James "Jim" Jones

Jim taught biology at NT from 1990 to 1996. A popular and fair-minded teacher, he had a PhD in zoology (UofT, 1977) and experience studying wildlife. He worked for the Ministry of Natural Resources before the teaching bug got him and earned his BE in 1989, starting at NT the next year. He then moved to Riverdale where he taught and served as Department Head for Biology. Promoted to Curriculum Leader for science at Jarvis in 2003, he was still there in 2009 when he fell ill. He passed away on February 9 of this year.

## The Hon. Keith Davey

Born in Toronto in 1926, Keith graduated from North Toronto and soon became sales manager for radio station CKFH, leaving in 1960 to become a campaign manager for the federal Liberal party in Eglinton riding. The following year he was appointed National Campaign Director, presiding over the party's efforts in the next four federal elections. During this time he earned the nickname "The Rainmaker" for his ability to bring success from the most hopeless situations and is widely credited with helping lay the foundation for Liberal political success over the following decades. He became a senator in 1966, serving for just over 30 years. He passed away on March 17.

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## We're Going Green!

Please email us at [ntcifoundation@ntci.on.ca](mailto:ntcifoundation@ntci.on.ca) with "Going Green" in the subject line if you are prepared to receive future copies of the newsletter via email. This may help reduce depletion of Canada's forests and will enable the Foundation to use more of your annual donations for student awards and activities rather than for postage.

## Your Skills and Interests — just what we're looking for!

The NTCI Foundation has an Advisory Board of up to 25 members which meets at the school about five times each year. In addition to providing general guidance at Board meetings, our members bring a variety of skills in helping with many different Foundation-related activities. In the coming year, we need to replenish our Board with about five new members. We would like to hear from you if can:

- Be creative in helping us plan for NTCI's 100th
- Write copy for the annual newsletter
- Help us maintain our membership database/ mailing list
- Help maintain our Web site, to make it a compelling and up-to-date source of information
- Lend a hand with the School Archives
- Think outside the box in considering what else we might do to serve the school and our alumni.

### Interested in helping out? Please let us know:

Email us at [ntcifoundation@ntci.on.ca](mailto:ntcifoundation@ntci.on.ca) and put "Board Membership" in the subject line.

## Scholarship Winners

In addition to funding worthwhile projects that cannot be financed from normal school resources, the NTCI foundation also funds several scholarships that are awarded at commencement to reward academic and extra curricular achievement. Here are the award winners from last fall's commencement ceremony:

The R.R.H. (Bud) Page Valedictory Prize: **Lyndon Kirkley**

The Sifton Trophy for Young Men: **Lyndon Kirkley**

The Kerr Trophy for Young Women: **Alexandra McRobert**

The Hal Brown "Triple A" Award: **Christopher Blackford**

The Betty Bealey Laureateship in English Award: **Alex Redinger**

The Senator Keith Davey Award: **Jonah Goldberg**

## Advisory Board Members 2010-2011

Paul Allen ('61)  
Nancy Baines (NT staff 1968-2001)  
Beatrix Berczi ('00)  
Desmond Brett ('77)  
Lisa Cain ('82)  
Lorraine Clarkson ('71)  
Nicole (Papadopolous) Dowling ('91)  
Mike Filey ('61)  
Joel Gorenkoff (Current Principal)  
Neal Irwin ('50) (Chair)  
Nancy McFadden ('70, NT staff 1976-81)  
Catherine (Cunningham) McPherson ('82)  
Mary Nishio ('77, NT staff 1993-94)  
Andrew Ogilvie ('90)  
Desmond Ottley (NT staff 1971-92)  
Stan Pearl ('61)  
Paul Raff ('86)  
Estelle Sirman ('51)  
Ron Wakelin ('64)  
Carole Whelan (NT staff 1984-2009)  
Pippa Wysong ('79)

## Moving? Changing your email?

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