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NTCI Homecoming 2017



Come one, come all to NT's inaugural Homecoming Weekend: October 12–14. If you missed the 100th, this is the perfect opportunity to come out to see the school and reminisce with old friends. And even if you did make it to the 100th, it's already been five years, so it's really time to check in again. Here is how the weekend is starting to shape up:

Thursday, October 12 — Red and Grey Day

Featuring most of the fall athletic teams (football, girls' basketball, boys' soccer, field hockey, boys' volleyball) in action in the gym and on the field, with games starting as early as 9:00 a.m. and continuing until late afternoon. Full details will be released in late September once the games have been scheduled.

And here's what's on tap for the day:

- Self-guided tours of the "new" (2010) school
- Meet current athletes and coaches
- NT Foundation will host refreshments for alumni in the 2ndfloor staff room from 1–4 p.m. Meet fellow grads! All grads are strongly encouraged to come back, especially those with significant anniversary years: 1957, 1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997, 2002 and 2007
- Sale of vintage uniforms
- A reception will be held at 5:00 p.m. at the Granite Brewery on Mt. Pleasant at Eglinton. Cash bar, light snack provided.

Friday, October 13 — Mix and Mingle

- Student-led tours of the school starting at 1:00 p.m. (sign-up required)
- Bring your treasured memorabilia for a show and share from 1–3 p.m. in the staff room on the 2nd floor. (There is an elevator if stairs are hard for you.)
- Come out to a meet-up with fellow alumni for the evening at a local establishment (details TBD; please watch for email updates).

Saturday, October 14 — Concert Announcement Coming Soon

NT's auditorium will be THE place to be on Saturday, October 14. A really exciting concert is in the works, and you won't want to miss it. Mark the date on your calendar and watch your inbox and social media for details and advance notice of ticket sales. This will be an alumni/staff-plus-one event, with ONLY 560 tickets, which are sure to go quickly. Purchasers' alumni/staff status will be monitored, and tickets will not be sent until we verify that status. If you don't receive Foundation emails, check www.ntcifoundation.ca for updates.

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Celebrating Excellence

Our Celebrating Excellence Campaign continues! The trophy case has arrived and now sits proudly near the main entrance of the school, some major trophies have been shined up for display, and students are once again showing interest in these icons of our legacy of excellence, including both the Kerr and Sifton Trophies. We have dedicated the trophy case to Joel Gorenkoff, who exemplified excellence throughout his tenure as principal, especially in the transition to the new school.

This is all thanks to our contributors. Many of you have given in the past, and we appreciate your continued loyalty. And we have had some of our first contributions from graduating classes and local businesses. Some reside in North Toronto while others live far afield, but all recognize the school as a root of their success. This circle of generosity guarantees the sustainability of our organization.

But we still need some help. The scholarship fund still needs topping up, so the Foundation has decided to keep this fundraising campaign open until the end of the year. One hundred percent of the donations will go directly to scholarship funds and the modest cost of the trophy case. Generous donors will be acknowledged on a plaque on the trophy case itself, and all contributors of amounts over \$25 will receive tax receipts and be acknowledged in the Foundation News.

Naming rights for the trophy case are still available. A donation of \$8,000 will win you the right to name the case. An individual, a family, a team or a graduation class may take this unusual opportunity to support the scholarship fund and become part of the NT legacy.

You may be wondering what the scholarship fund supports.

The Foundation finances a number of scholarships every year at Commencement (see page 8), some of which were created decades ago and rely on the Foundation for funding. Please mail your gift to the Foundation (address on page 8) and specify the Celebrating Excellence Campaign. In the meantime, if you have questions, please email Nancy McFadden at nancyanddoug. mcfadden@gmail.com. Or call 647-351-2850. Once again, thank you! We cannot continue excellence without your support.



Hail, Nancy Baines! While we recognize the financial contributions to a project like this, we would be remiss not to mention the special role played by archivist Nancy Baines: it was her vision that led to the acquisition of the trophy case. So, thank you, Nancy. Our heritage program would not be the same without your vision and diligence.

Pentagon Patron: \$1,000 and above

Class of 1965 (special thanks to Janice Gillespie)

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F. Ron Wakelin

NT Norseman: \$500 - \$999

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Contributors

Paul Allen Stan Pearl
Lisa Cain M. Ann Romeril
Russ Donaldson Ian Watson
Mark Kinoshita Carole Anne Whelan

Our Class Rep Program

In October 2016, the NT Foundation held an informative and beneficial workshop on running a class rep program, attended by alumni from various years and led by Martha Drake, Executive Director of Advancement, University of Toronto Schools.

As the Foundation strives to increase participation in the alumni community through new events like the upcoming inaugural NT Homecoming Weekend, we continue to look for new Class Reps—individuals who take the lead in locating members of their year and liaise with them regarding Foundation events or year-specific ones. Here are some examples of what current Class Reps are doing:

The Class of '62 meets monthly at a local restaurant for lunch.
 Members know the date in advance and whoever can make it does.

Get-togethers are organized by Sheila Moscoe and Stan Pearl.

- A combined group of '79-'82 alumni get together a couple of times a year at Gabby's on Yonge north of Lawrence. Don Ross ('80) is the organizer. The date is circulated via email and there is always a large turnout.
- A 40th reunion for members of the '76 football team took place in November 2016. See page 5.

If you would like to get involved in the Class Rep program, please contact Stan Pearl ('62) or Lisa Cain ('82) (647-285-9123). To ensure you are included in upcoming events or get-togethers, contact your Class Rep. In the list below, the highlighted years indicate special anniversaries in 2017.

Facebook - NT grads 2015 (296 members)

195	Looking for a rep	1983	Kirsten Sixt: ksixt@hullandhull.com
	Facebook - NTCI alumni of the 50s (4 members)		Andrea Fairweather: fairweatherandrea@gmail.com
190	Sheila Moscoe: moscoe-ntci62@rogers.com		Facebook - NTCI class of '83 (54 members)
	Stan Pearl: stanpearl@rogers.com	1984	Marc Jamieson: marc.jamieson@gmail.com
196	64 Ron Wakelin: rwakelin@utschools.ca		Facebook - NTCI class of '84 (48 members)
196	Janice Gillespie: janiceigillespie@rogers.com	1987	Jennifer Hellen Baldachin: jbaldachin@rogers.com
190	Susan Norwich: susannorwich1@gmail.com		Jamie Farr: jamescolinfarr@gmail.com
196	Laurie Pascoe: lauriepascoe@gmail.com	1988	Debbie Gray: d3bgray@gmail.com
197	70 Nancy McFadden: nancyanddoug.mcfadden@gmail.com		Suzie Anderson: suzie@rogers.com
	Alan Fairweather: afairwea@rogers.com		Facebook - NTCI class of '88 (83 members)
197	Lorraine Clarkson: wasagabeacher@gmail.com	1989	Facebook - NTCI '89 - 25th anniversary (70 members)
	Brian Maltman: bmaltman@ca.inter.net	1990	Facebook - NTCI '90 (5 members)
19;	72 Looking for a rep	1991	Facebook - NTCI class of 1991 (110 members)
197	76 Facebook - NTCI '76 (2 members)	1992	Catherine Trueman: catherinetrueman@telus.net
19;	77 Looking for a rep		Facebook - NTCI class of '92 (96 members)
197	78 Facebook - NTCI class of '78 (28 members)	1997	Looking for a rep
197	79 Katherine Smith: katherinegsmith.smith@gmail.com	2002	Looking for a rep
	Facebook - NTCI 1979 friends (125 members)	2003	Facebook - NTCI '03 (5 members)
198	Bo Don Ross: sales@universityfirewood.ca		Facebook - NTCI class of 2003 (4 members)
198	Phil White: pleblanc997@gmail.com	2007	Bogdan Tudose: bogdan.a.tudose@gmail.com
	Mike Clarry: michael@clarry.net		Facebook - NTCI class of '07 (93 members)
198	82 Lisa Cain: lisa-ian@rogers.com	2008	Lyndsey Gott: gott.lyndsey@gmail.com
	Barbara Szelinger: barbara.szelinger@rogers.com		Lora Kikuchi: meiflower.932@gmail.com
	Mark Kinoshita: mark.kinoshita@tdsb.on.ca		Facebook - NTCI grads '08 (70 members)
	Facebook - NTCI class of '82 (126 members)	2014	Facebook - NTCI grads 2014 (277 members)

2015



NT's (now former) principal Joel Gorenkoff and his wife, Leeanne, at the Foundation's farewell party in February.

Joel Gorenkoff Leaves NTCI

On a snowy night in February, Foundation members came together to celebrate Joel Gorenkoff, principal of North Toronto from 2007 to January 2017, whose tenure at NT ended abruptly with his transfer to Lawrence Park Collegiate Institute. Always positive, Joel understood that he was needed at Lawrence; at the same time, he was disappointed to say goodbye to the school he had called home for ten years. Equally disappointed were the Foundation members, who had come to rely on his dedication, dependability and genuine passion for the improvement of NTCI.

While at North Toronto, Joel oversaw the transition from the old building to the current school, ensuring that the many Heritage pieces valued by alumni, such as the Heritage Court and the award walls, were preserved. He also worked closely with the Foundation to organize the school's 100th anniversary celebrations. But perhaps Joel's greatest contribution to the Foundation was his appreciation of the positive value the Foundation brings to the school community. He encouraged the placement of two student reps on the Foundation Board and worked closely with the Board on newer endeavours, such as Homecoming Weekend and alumni events at Red and Grey Day.

While we certainly miss Joel's presence on the Foundation, we are grateful for the many contributions he made while at North Toronto—contributions that will impact NT students for years to come—and wish him all the best for the future.

Our Student Reps

Being student representatives on the North Toronto Foundation has been not only a privilege but a delight. In the beginning, we had no idea what we were getting ourselves into and were frankly a little intimidated. As both the youngest and the newest, we knew absolutely nothing about how anything worked within the community that the Foundation had built over the years. Nevertheless, we were not surprised to be greeted with open arms and warm smiles at our first meeting – NT's welcoming tradition in action. Everyone introduced themselves with their name and grad year and, of course, some background information on themselves.

The Foundation usually holds about five or six two-hour meetings throughout the school year. On some topics, such as financials and newsletter discussions, we don't have much to contribute. However, when it comes to what's currently going on inside the walls of NT, we can definitely contribute student knowledge, such as thoughts on club activities and upcoming school-run events, and updates on everything from recent athletic achievements to events such as Midnight Madness or Mental Health Awareness Week.

A more specifically defined job of ours is to work alongside another Foundation member to organize the Dragons' Dens.We help with the promotional and organizational aspects of the event, serve as MCs during the presentations and contribute background information on the clubs when the time comes to vote.

Being on this committee has taught us many skills that we will be able to use in the future. While both of us have been involved with councils at North Toronto and have run many events, the difference between a school-run committee and the alumni council is huge. We've gotten a feel for what real responsibility is, and an understanding of how to handle big projects that involve hundreds of people. In addition, it has been incredible to hear the beginnings of real-world initiatives, such as the acquisition of a trophy case or the creation of the Foundation News. Overall, serving on the Foundation has been an amazing experience!

-Eleni Anastasiadis and Jake Ballantyne





Norsemen's 40th Anniversary

On November 5, 2016, exactly 40 years and one day after the Norsemen's amazing victory in the city senior football championship, the team held a reunion at Armour Heights Officers' Mess. On November 4, 1976, the Norsemen defeated archrival Lawrence Park Collegiate at CNE Stadium, on the all-new Astroturf. The score was a resounding 63–22 for the NT victors.

Ironically, the game took place only a few days before the Ottawa Roughriders won their last Grey Cup.

The idea for a reunion came to organizers Andy Maize, Hugh Murray and Geoff Reeves over beers in a local pub during one of their regularly scheduled "guys' nights." The resulting reunion was attended by 30 team players and honoured by the presence of team coaches Brock Cromwell, Dave ("One Knee") Grace and Danny Russell. Before the party started, the team took a commemorative photo and burst into a rendition of the NT school song. Cocktails and dinner were accompanied by original game films and heartfelt speeches, and followed by an open party of NT friends and colleagues from school years 1974 to 1980 (a format once known by this crowd as a "hoedown"). The festivities went on until the wee hours of the morning—obviously a "yuge" success.

The Dragons' Den

Twice a year, as part of its mission to support current students through scholarships and grants, the Foundation invites students from interested clubs, teams and initiatives to apply for funds. Dubbed the Dragons' Den, these events give alumni board members a chance to meet with current students and get a better sense of what NT students are doing when they aren't in the classroom. We are invariably inspired by these creative, accomplished and enthusiastic young people.

Using donations from alumni, the Foundation was able to grant a total of \$6,600 to 14 different clubs, teams, and initiatives: the Remembrance Day committee; the school newspaper, *Graffiti*; the Prom Committee; the Girls' Field Hockey Team; the Varsity Boys' Hockey Team; the YMCA Sioux Lookout Exchange; Model United Nations; Peer Assistance & Leadership (PALs); the Business Club; DECA; TedX Youth; the Environmental Action Team; the Science Club; and the Aerospace & Rocketry Club.

All of these groups embody what North Toronto has always been—a well-rounded, balanced school. And thanks to your generous donations to the Foundation, we are able to help these groups fund travel to events, buy equipment for teams, provide exciting workshops that enrich students' learning and host events that put North Toronto on the map as a leader in a variety of fields. The Foundation is grateful to all alumni whose contributions make it possible for us to support NT's amazing students.

Don Wright's Legacy Returns Home

In the 1990s, when I took over the NT Archives (in the basement of the old school), I noticed 25 bright red binders, piled high to the rafters. Gold lettering on the spines identified them as the Don Wright Collection. Just organizing the Archives was a huge job, so I left the binders where they were and focused on more immediate tasks.

When we moved the Archives to the new school, I finally got the binders down from the rafters and examined them. Two of the binders related to North Toronto music (including what is probably the first arrangement of "Hail! North Toronto"), and Don Wright seems to have lent the entire collection to the NT Music Department. A note in the back of one of the binders contained the request that, once we had used them, they be returned to the Don Wright Collection at the University of Western Ontario.

Don Wright was a prolific composer and arranger, and his special friendship with NT's legendary Jack Dow led to Don's doing the arrangements of almost all Maytime Melodies medleys throughout the 1950s and into the 1960s. He was also the father of Priscilla Wright, who leapt to fame with her rendition of "Man in a Raincoat"—in an arrangement performed by Don and his combo, The Septette, which I remembered from my teen years.

When Carole Whelan and I contacted Western, we received an enthusiastic reply, so at the end of August 2015, we packed the binders in boxes, made the trek out to London and delivered them to the Music Archives. After languishing at NTCI unremarked for donkey's years, the collection is now back where it belongs!

Alumni in the News

Dr. Shaf Keshavjee ('79)

In January 2017, all media outlets were buzzing with the inspirational story of double lung transplant recipient Melissa Benoit. The surgical team behind this remarkable achievement was led by NT alumnus Dr. Shaf Keshavjee.

Recognized as a world leader in thoracic surgery, Dr. Keshavjee graduated from University of Toronto's Faculty of Medicine in 1985, then trained in surgery at U of T, Harvard, and the University of London. A key member of the Division of Thoracic Surgery at University Health Network, Dr. Keshavjee is also an Officer of the Order of Canada (2014) and the developer of the Toronto XVIVO Lung Perfusion System, which allows donor lungs to be kept alive outside of the body in order to be assessed, treated and repaired before being transplanted into a patient.

Congratulations to Dr. Keshavjee and his team on their lifesaving innovations and remarkable achievements.

Jennifer Wahlroth ('79)

NT alumna Jennifer Wahlroth was recently the recipient of a rare honour, bestowed on her by North West Territory Pipe Band. A certified accountant by day with Avery Cooper & Co. in Yellowknife, Jennifer started piping lessons in 1992 and began performing with the pipe band two years later. She also put her accounting skills to work as secretary/treasurer of the organization. This past January, her dedication to the band was recognized at its annual Robert Burns Dinner, when she was presented with a Lifetime Honourary Membership. Only the fourth person in the pipe band's 40-year history to be thus honoured, she was previously awarded the Pipe Major Floyd Adlem Award in 2008 for outstanding service.

Paul Raff ('86)

An innovative backyard addition to a typical North Toronto home by award-winning Canadian architect and NT alumnus, Paul Raff, was featured in the *Globe and Mail* (June 3, 2016) and the *National Post* (July 23, 2016). The addition, described as "spirit in the sky from the backyard" and a "theme and variations" is, according to the *National Post*'s Martha Uniacke Breen, a brilliant combination of Paul's belief that "there are spaces you design that are visually beautiful, with handsome materials,

graceful lines and plenty of style. And there are designs that were primarily guided by the way the inhabitants want to live." To read more about Paul Raff and the work of the Paul Raff Studio, visit http://paulraffstudio.com/

Daniel Levy ('02)

Daniel Levy, co-creator, writer and star of the highly popular CBC comedy *Schitt's Creek* was featured in the December 2016 issue of *Professionally Speaking*, the journal of the Ontario College of Teachers. In the Remarkable Teacher segment, he paid tribute to Anne Carrier, Head of English at NTCI from 1998 to her retirement in 2005, and the pivitol role she played in helping him "find his voice."

Levy recalled, "High school was a tricky time... I knew I wanted to write, to create, to have my voice heard but I had no idea how to do it." But being in Anne Carrier's class in 2001 was perfect timing: "She came along at just the right moment." Dan specifically praised Anne for her emphasis on subtext and the "challenge of reading between the lines... She inspired me to think differently and continue to write."

Kudos to Dan on his successful career and for recognizing the major role Anne Carrier played in his journey to success.

Did you have a remarkable teacher at NTCI? Someone who played a significant role in your development or career choice? If you did, please share your story with us.

Emily D'Angelo ('12)

Those who attended the 2016 edition of Maytime Melodies, featuring the Mozart *Requiem*, were treated to Emily D'Angelo's stunning performance as the contralto soloist. Recognized as one of Canada's most gifted young operatic stars, Emily graduated from NT in 2012 and furthered her studies in music performance/voice at the University of Toronto, graduating in 2016 and earning a coveted position with the Canadian Opera Company's Ensemble Studio. In the fall of 2016, she made her debut with the Canadian Opera Company, playing Zweite Dame in their production of Mozart's *Magic Flute*. Her achievements and rapid rise to fame in the world of opera were highlighted in the November 2016 issue of the *North Toronto Post*.

In Memoriam

Patricia (Patty) Bakker (née Moore) ('61)

A student at North Toronto in the glory days of the late 50s, Patty Bakker (née Moore) passed away in her 74th year on November 28, 2016, at Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay. We are indebted to Wouter Bakker, Patty's husband of 51 years, for letting the Foundation know of her passing.

Thomas (Tom) Clarke Jr. ('59)

Tom was born in Montreal in December 1940. His father's work took the family back and forth from Montreal to various mining operations focused on the war effort, but the family's nomadic lifestyle ended in 1952 when they settled in Toronto—just in time for Tom to attend NTCI. An outstanding student all his life, Tom was always at or near the top of the Honour Roll and was selected as class valedictorian in his final year. He was also a dedicated scout, eventually becoming leader of a Venturer company. Tom received his PhD in radio astronomy from the University of Toronto and was director of the McLaughlin Planetarium from 1976 until its closure in 1995. He continued to work on special projects at the ROM until his retirement in 2003. Despite recurring health challenges, he embraced his retirement years by continuing his involvement with Scouts Canada and the United Church as well as gardening, pursuing history and enjoying time with his family.

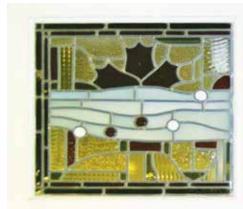
David Grimshaw ('58)

John David Clifford Grimshaw—David to all who knew him—was born in Guelph in September 1940; a family move to Toronto meant that he attended NT during the 1950s. An excellent student, he developed a lifelong passion for chess and was a Canadian Junior Chess Champion in 1959. Tom

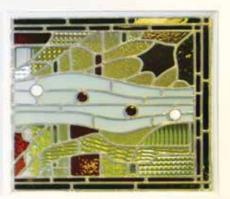
studied mathematics, physics and chemistry at the University of Toronto, also earning a master's degree in nuclear physics. Choosing higher education as a career, he was a well-liked and respected professor of mathematics, physics and computer science at Ryerson University. Keenly interested in history, politics and social justice, David and his wife, Roberta Imboden, were also world travellers to many distant places, including China, Australia and South America. His unexpected passing on January 3, 2017, came as a shock to his loving wife and his many friends.

Nancy Smale (née Charles) ('55)

A life well lived could well be the epitaph of octogenarian Nancy Smale (née Charles), who passed away on August 28, 2016. Born and raised in Toronto, Nancy attended North Toronto in the 1950s and was the star cellist in Jack Dow's orchestra when NT's incipient program was showcased as a model for music education in Ontario's public schools. Nancy studied psychology at the University of Toronto (Victoria College), where she met the love of her life, Richard Smale. The couple settled in Kitchener-Waterloo, and Nancy's early years were devoted to family, social service, singing with the Bach Choir and building a cottage on Muldrew Lake. Later, she returned to school to pursue a master's degree in psychology; a long career at the University of Waterloo and a successful private practice followed. In her "post-retirement" years, travel with Richard and time with the grandchildren were the hallmarks of her life. As a tribute to Nancy, her family requested, "In lieu of flowers, please consider the performance of a random act of kindness." What better testimony to a life well lived could there be?







The NTCl Foundation

The NTCI Foundation is an advisory board of about 25 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."

Advisory Board Members 2016-2017

Eleni Anastasiadis ('17)

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Caroline Conacher ('93)

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Barbara Kamieński ('71)

Mark Kinoshita ('82) (Current NT Staff)

William Mack (Acting Principal)

Brian Maltman ('71) (Secretary)

Nancy McFadden ('70) (NT Staff'76-'81)

Stan Pearl ('62)

Barbara Szelinger ('82)

Kirsten Sixt ('83)

Lorne Smith (NT Staff '79-'12)

Owen Smith ('03)

Ron Wakelin ('64) (Chair)

Scholarship Winners

Betty Bealey Laureateship in English: Fay Asimakopoulos

Hal Brown "Triple A" Award: Erin Chan

Kerr Trophy for Young Women: Siobhan Kidd

Sifton Trophy for Young Men: Jeffrey McPherson

R.R.H. "Bud" Page Valedictory Prize: Fay Asimakopoulos

NTCI Foundation Centennial Scholarship: Lucy Wolff

Gibbons Award in French: Yara Salhab

NEW: Sports Parents Council

We all know that NTCI has a very successful Music Program, supported by a fabulous Music Parents Council. But while NT has also excelled in many City & OFSAA Championships, there has until now never been a Sports Parents Council.

A group of interested NTCI alumni and parents, with the support of current students, staff and the NTCI Foundation, have begun creating an NTCI Sports Parents Council. This council will support ALL sports occurring at North Toronto and raise much-needed funds for tournaments, uniforms, equipment, new locker rooms and so much more.

We need your help! Get involved! Learn more about how you can make a difference and be involved, even in a small way, in improving the already amazing sports at NTCI!

For more information, please contact Kirsten Sixt: ksixt@hullandhull.com.

Contact Us

We're always happy to hear from you. Whether you've held an alumni event, have an NT anecdote to share, or simply want to let us know how you're doing, send us your news and pictures. And if you've moved or changed your email, please let us know.

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We would welcome your participation! If you can

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- help maintain our membership database/mailing list
- help maintain our website
- lend a hand with the school archives
- bring fresh ideas about how we might better serve the school and our alumni

let us know (subject line: "Board Membership").