



# HAPPENINGS IN THE HIVE

Simonds High Alumni Newsletter  
December 2018



## THANK YOU!!



Thank you to all the vendors and shoppers who came out to our **COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS EXPO!!** It poured buckets that day but the rain didn't keep people away! We had over 60+ vendors offering many unique gift ideas. The In Pursuit van was once again on site along with food truck, Cheese Curds. *You missed out if you didn't try one of their awesome poutines!!*

As our primary fundraiser, it was great to see such support from our Simonds community, alumni, current and retired teachers, students and of course, our many vendors. This event helps us raise money to go towards scholarships, breakfast club, school events and various other initiatives for our current students.

If you missed out on our excellent quality vendors this year, don't make that mistake again! Please save the date of Nov 2, 2019 for our next Countdown to Christmas sale. Keep in touch through our alumni Facebook page and / or join our newsletter email distribution list to receive information updates. Look forward to seeing you out to support your alumni at our sale next year!

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# WHAT'S GOING ON?

*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!*

## Simonds Memorial Grove

In the Simonds High School Memorial Grove, donated trees are planted in memory of a student, teacher, group, friend or family member or to celebrate a certain grad class. Our Memorial Grove has been growing; it is located outside the gym and continuing down the school driveway by the playing field. Alumni have donated the Princeton Golden Yellow maple trees. In June 2018, five new trees were added to the grove. So far, one memorial tree has been reserved for the June 2019 planting. It has been donated by the Class of 1968.

We invite individual alumni or classes who are planning future reunions to consider placing a memorial tree in the grove. What a beautiful way in which to remember a classmate/friend/family member! To commemorate each tree, a plaque with name plates honors those remembered. In addition, a picture and short bio will be placed in our Wall of Remembrance along with the plaque. The display case for this remembrance is in the lobby across from the school theatre and on the way to the gymnasium. The current approximate cost of a tree is \$180. Thank you to all who donated trees in memory of friends and family. Please message Judy Chapman ([judychapman44@gmail.com](mailto:judychapman44@gmail.com)) or any member of the SHS Alumni Committee (on page 1) if you would like to make a donation and be a part of this worthwhile initiative to give back to your school.

## Simonds High School *Home of the Seabees*



### Old Yearbooks!

Still searching for that memorable gift for a friend, relative, or even yourself? The Simonds Alumni Committee has yearbooks from most years up to and including 2014 (only a few years are sold out). What a special gift that would make! Where else can you get such a unique gift for \$35 (no tax)? Also, if you have any yearbooks with which you are willing to part and donate to the alumni, we would be happy to accept your gift. For more information, or to see if your year is still available, please contact Judy Chapman at [judychapman44@gmail.com](mailto:judychapman44@gmail.com).

### Simonds High Scholarship Fund

The Simonds High Scholarship Fund has been in existence for many years. Money from that fund has been used to recognize numerous excellent Simonds graduates and offer them some funds toward their post-secondary education - whether it be a university, community college or another educational institution. Any assistance is appreciated by the students. As a student at Simonds, you may have even been a recipient of this funding. The Simonds Alumni Committee donates money each year to use for scholarships from this fund. Many people donate to the SHS Scholarship fund in memory of a loved one who has passed away; what a great way to "pay-it-forward"! If you wish to donate to this fund and "give back" to your school, you may send your donation to The Simonds High School Scholarship Fund, 1490 Hickey Rd., Saint John, NB., E2J 4E7. An income tax receipt will be issued for your donation. Thank you in advance for your support of your school!



# WHAT'S GOING ON?



Simonds High  
**Breakfast Club**

Open Daily  
8:15 to 8:45 AM  
Room C227

## Simonds Breakfast Club

The Breakfast Club at Simonds is one of the initiatives which the Simonds Alumni and other groups assist in promoting and sponsoring. In its third year, it serves 40-50 students each day. To support the program, there is a grant from Breakfast for Learning, generous donations of food and supplies from the Simonds retired teachers' group and donations of cereal and two hot breakfast/ year from the Simonds alumni. A true gift of the heart is the regular donation of homemade healthy muffins by "the muffin lady", a 1975 Simonds High grad.

The breakfast room is supervised by teachers for 30 minutes before school each day. Some students partake of a "grab and go" breakfast while others linger and chat over their cereal. Breakfast options vary, but usually toast, bagels, hot and cold cereal, yogurt, cheese, breakfast bars, fruit and healthy muffins are provided. Linda O'Blenis, a Simonds teacher and 1982 grad does a lot of the organizing and clean up from each breakfast.

The Breakfast Club is certainly a valuable program. Students cannot learn if they are hungry. We invite other community and individual partners to join us and the school in efforts to sustain this worthwhile endeavour.

### 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/Pages/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.



## 1955 NBIAA CHAMPIONS



\* New Brunswick Interscholastic Athletic Association Class "L" Champions.  
\* Saint John City and District Interscholastic Basketball League Champions.  
FRONT ROW—Doug Messer (Ass't Captain), "Ginger" Smith, Bob Fulton, (Captain), Reg. King, Lloyd McKinley.  
SECOND ROW—Mr. Art Pottle (Coach), Buddy Brown, Ferdie Forgey, Bob Brown, Bob McAllister, Eugene Fitzgerald, Melvin Vincent (Manager).  
MISSING When Picture Was Taken—Don Smith.



## WHAT'S GOING ON?



**“Travel is the only thing you buy that makes you richer”**. Have you dreamed of traveling to Europe or other destinations, but are daunted by doing all the planning and research? Are you seeking a hassle-free travel experience? Now is the time to turn your dream into a plan. Judy Chapman is now planning two adult group trips for 2019 and two, for 2020. These tours are with a very reputable world-wide company with offices in Canada. Departure may be from any airport in the world. In June 2019, a tour to the Highlights of England, Scotland & Ireland is planned. **Only a couple of places remain for this tour.** It will feature visits to London, Edinburgh, Liverpool, Dublin and Limerick. You will get the opportunity to kiss the Blarney Stone, to spend some time in the Cavern Club in Liverpool where the Beatles performed (and to visit the Beatles Museum), to ride the London Eye and see St. George’s Chapel at Windsor where Harry and Megan were married plus so much more. In July 2019, a tour is organized to Northern Europe. It will commence in Amsterdam, and continue to Hamburg, Copenhagen, Stockholm and Bergen (for a Norwegian fjord cruise)! **This tour is two-thirds sold out already!** In May 2020, there will be a tour to Portugal and Spain; travelers will visit Lisbon, Seville, Madrid and Barcelona. Foodies take note. There is a food and wine tour offered to Northern Italy and the Italian Riviera in September 2020! You will visit Turin, the Italian Riviera, Bologna, Verona and Venice. While there, you will make your own pasta, visit the producers of balsamic vinegar, Parmigiano-Reggiano and Prosecco. You will tour and dine at several vineyards where famous Italian wines are made. You will visit local markets, enjoy the scenery, take in the history and have an amazing time! The full itinerary and pricing for each of these tours may be found at [www.grouptoursite.ca/judychapman](http://www.grouptoursite.ca/judychapman).

Judy has had lots of travel experience, having planned 17 Simonds student tours to Europe and 5 to New York; she has organized 7 adult tours so far. Judy would like to invite any interested Simonds alumni, their friends and family (you do not have to be a Simonds alumnus) to join the adult travel group. If you are interested any of these travel opportunities, please contact her at [judychapman44@gmail.com](mailto:judychapman44@gmail.com) or 847-3241 or on face book for more details.



### Football Treasure

Just prior to attending the huge Simonds High School Football Reunion in July, Wilf and Steve Mahoney brought to the school a piece of football memorabilia. They brought in a football they had treasured for 44 years! This is not just any football, but the game ball which was presented to Steve after his stellar performance as a quarterback in a Seabees win in 1974! The Mahoney brothers were fantastic football players in the 1970s and their parents were ardent Simonds football supporters. The football Wilf and Steve donated was signed by every player in the 2018 alumni game in July! This symbol of Seabee football culture has been displayed in a glass case in the Simonds football room. What a kind and generous gesture to donate this piece of football history for this milestone reunion! It will be treasured by players in the Seabee football family for years to come. Simonds pride continues!



### Retired Simonds Staff Members

*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 meet for lunch and socializing on the 2nd Tuesday of each month (throughout the school year) at 12:30 PM. Our lunch date locations vary each month. 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. This group is still caring and compassionate about Simonds students; monthly, they donate funds to assist with the breakfast program there. They work with the Simonds alumni and the school on this worthwhile initiative. If you are interested in further details, please contact Cathy MacDonald ([ceileenm@nb.sympatico.ca](mailto:ceileenm@nb.sympatico.ca)). Christmas Luncheon Dec 18 at 12:30 at Riverside.**



# Remember When...

In each issue, we will include a couple of pictures from years gone by at Simonds High School. For this section, we would like you to submit some of your favourite memories in pics from your high school years. Please send your pics to Tammy (Vautour) Kilpatrick at tamkjp@yahoo.ca or Judy (MacKnight) Chapman at judychapman44@gmail.com.

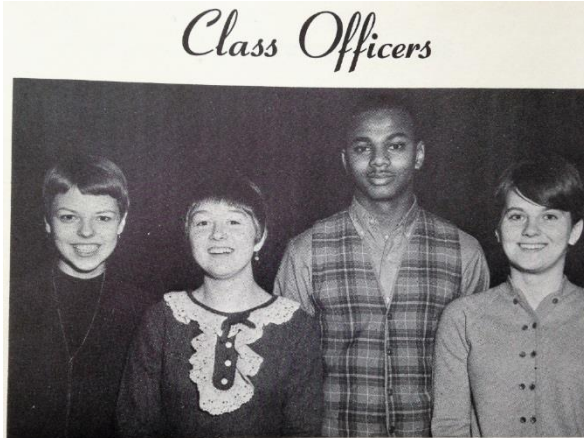
The Class of 1969 will celebrate their 50-year reunion on June 22, 2019. To celebrate their class, the Remember When section features some pics from their grad year. Cheers to 50 years!

## Students' Council



STUDENT COUNCIL: President-Peter Chouinard, Vice-president-Tony Rickett, Secretary-Ann Barton, Treasurer-Ed Daley. Valerie Folkins, Helen Fillmore, Judy Brewer, Susan Tonge, Gloria Sherwood, Kathy Blizzard, Betty-Ann Barnes, Wendy Wilson, Pat Alderman, Pat Stanton, Susan Stewart, Kathy McKim, Gary Beyea, Ann LeBlanc, Judy McNamara, Gail York.

## Class Officers



Shelley Nichols-treasurer, Valeria Folkins-secretary, Bob Skinner-president, Pat Northrup-Vice-president.

## Folk Society



FOLK SOCIETY: faculty adviser - Mrs. Jennings, informal leader Mary Little.

## Soccer Team

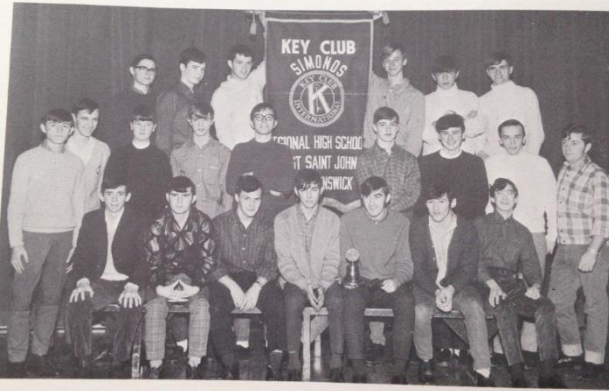


coach- Mr. Jones - Managers - Barry Wood, Dave Vanier. captain-Blair Forsythe, John Dalton, Tony Rickett, Glen Thibodeau, Dave Bursey, Steve Doiron, Ron Gallant, Wayne Johnson, Randy McKim, Pete Chouinard, Brian Childs, Andy Greenan, Bob Skinner, Gary Naves, Gary Stevens, Dick McLeod, Tom Spink, Brian Sewell, Sterling Marsh, Bob Hunter, Steve Veysey, Terry Ricketts.



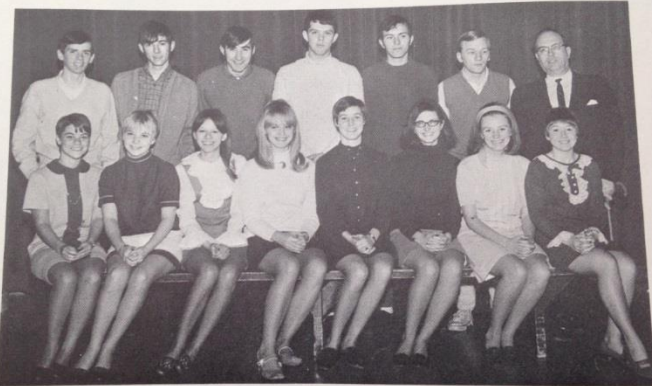
# Remember When...cont'd

## Key Club



EXECUTIVE: President- Terry Flemming, Vice-President- Joe McNamara, Secretary- Jim Craft, Treasurer - Dave Loughery.

## Winter Carnival Committee



Karen Peddle, Lynn Freeze, Judy Brewer, Lynday Beyea, Judy McNamara, Ann LeBlanc, Vaunda Blackadar, Valeria Folkins. BACK: Paul Bishop, Joe McNamara, Dave Loughery, Pete Chouinard, Russell Flynn, Tony Rickett, Mr. Mowry.

## Keyettes



KEYETTES: - Faculty adviser - Miss Robertson, President - Diane Breneol, Vice-pres. - Janet Hatto, Treasurer - Alda Butland, Secretary - Pam Patterson.

## Swimming



Winter Carnival Royalty



President Ski Club - Jim Craft



## *Sweet Memories...*



### Chicken Bones - the Origin of that Famous Christmas Candy!

At this time of year, we all savour the sights, sounds, smells and tastes of the season. We breathe in the wonderful smells of turkey cooking, of plum pudding and gingerbread cookies, or pine trees, wreaths and cones. We smile at the sight of Christmas decorations and the squeals of young children. We remember the tastes of childhood Christmas treats such as ribbon candy and barley toys...and, especially if you are from this area of New Brunswick... the sight and sweet cinnamon-like taste of chicken bones!

Chicken bones have been a staple at Christmastime since 1885 in Atlantic Canada. People not from here have no idea what they are! They are in fact an unusual combination of bright pink cinnamony candy and bittersweet chocolate in the shape of a small dog bone - kind of like a cinnamon Tootsie roll! Most of the hard candies such as ribbon candy and barley toys have died out, but the flaky hard chicken bone has remained a favourite!

The story goes that Ganong Brothers of St Stephen advertised widely for a position in their plant. Frank Sparhawk, an American candy-maker from Baltimore, responded to this ad. When he arrived in New Brunswick for the position, it was noted that this candy aficionado could pull 550 pounds of stick candy a day. That was 200 pounds more than the average worker at the Ganong factory! Mr. Sparhawk was a true candy artist - crafting confections with detailed pictures and even written messages! With the popularity of hard candy, Ganongs tried many new creations each month; many had a short life and then were replaced. Sparhawk, however, created the chicken bone as one of these new candies and its popularity has remained.

The process of creating chicken bones has not changed much in the past 130+ years. After cooking the hard candy in large copper kettles, it is cooled slightly and then hand-mixed with the cinnamon flavor and the bright pink colour. This huge pink piece of candy is placed on a table and the bittersweet chocolate is spread on top. Then, it is rolled up jellyroll-like. The huge chicken bone is then turned in front of a flame and hand-pulled into a thin rope with the right amount of pink and chocolate in each piece. A machine cuts the thin rope into rectangular bite-sized pieces. Only three workers - candy craftsmen actually - are trained to make chicken bones!

Other candy companies in Nova Scotia and Quebec have tried to make their version of this popular confection. However, their chicken bones are not as bright pink and shiny nor as crunchy and flaky as those from Ganongs! One company in the US has produced quite a different version that is a peanut butter-filled molasses candy with a toasted coconut coating.

Ganong's chicken bones are available across Canada, but only residents of the East Coast can be sure of accessing them year-round. If you live elsewhere in Canada or the US, you may have to search a little harder to find them or you can order them online. Many people say Christmas isn't Christmas without chicken bones! Although hard candy is generally a thing of the past for most candy manufacturers, the popularity of this bright pink sweet remains. Now that you are craving this flaky pink cinnamon treat, we hope you can find and savour them and they are reminiscent of Christmases of your youth! Enjoy!



## ***SEABEES HOME & AWAY***

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.

Address any entries to Judy Chapman (judychapman44@gmail.com) or Tammy Kilpatrick (tamkil@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.

**Matt Lamont (2006)** and his wife Danika Lamont announce the arrival of their daughter Alexia Jeanne Lamont on July 18, 2018. They live and work in St. John's, Newfoundland where Matt is a teaching assistant at Memorial University.

**Leo Lignos (2011)** and his wife, Amy (Alward) Lignos, announce the arrival of a son, Michael Leo Lignos on October 7, 2018. Michael is younger brother to sister Ellie, age 3. Leo works at Gulf Operators and owns Twigs & Reels Clothing. Amy works in admissions for the Horizon Health Network.

**Meaghan (Flecknell) Smith (2006)** and **Jeff Smith (2008)** were married on November 10, 2018. Meaghan is an instructor in the Nursing Department at UNBSJ and is also employed in Cardiac Services for the Horizon Health Network. Jeff works at Irving Wallboard. Although the happy couple resides in Quispamsis, they say they really live at the rink!

**Eric Muir (2006)** and **Tori (Marr) Muir** were married on November 13, 2018 in a lovely beachside wedding in Jamaica. Eric is a power engineer at Point Lepreau and Tori works for Canada Post. They live in uptown Saint John.

**Hailey Phillips (2012)** and partner **Josh McShane** announce the birth of their 11 lb 1.5 oz daughter **Charlie Adele Elizabeth McShane** on December 15, 2018. Hailey is the store manager at Pseudio while Josh is an apprentice carpenter.

**Shelby (McNally) Blain (2010)** married **Alex Blain** on October 13, 2018. Shelby works for Heart & Stroke NB and Alex works at Brayden Homes. They make their home in the Saint John area with daughter **Kyra**, age 3.

**Nicole Pomeroy (2006)** and **Luc Doucette** were married in St. Andrews on October 13, 2018. They live in Dieppe, NB where he works as a tech for HVAC and she is a respiratory therapist at The Snore Shop.

**Mel Vincent (1984)** and **Pam Trites** were married 1920s style at the Lily Lake Pavilion on October 13, 2018. Mel works as a sales consultant for Oakhill Homes while Pam is a real estate agent for Exit Realty. They have a son **Joshua** age 5 - in kindergarten.

**Melinda (Brown) Smith (2001)** and husband **Dan Smith (2001)** welcomed their second child, **Bradley Robert Smith** on October 1, 2018. Bradley has an older sister, **Eve Jacklyn**, age 2. Melinda is a supply teacher for Anglophone School District - South and Dan is a welder, working usually at the Irving refinery. They live in St. Martins.

**Jamie Brown (2006)** and his wife **Vanessa (Fox) Brown (2012)** have a son, **Oliver George Brown** born on October 12, 2018. Jamie works at CFM and Vanessa works at The Snore Shop in Fredericton and Sport Check in Saint John.

**Allison (Campbell) Bent (2006)** and husband **Michael Bent (2006)** have had an exciting fall with the arrival of their second son, **Gibson Drew Bent** on September 29, 2018. The new baby will be a great play buddy for older brother **Jaron**, age 3. The growing Bent family also purchased their first home in the Saint John area. Allison is with Living Waters Child Development Center and Michael is a plumber.

**Jack Skerry (2003)** and his wife **Janis** welcomed daughter **Evelyn** in October 2018. Jack is Director of sales at Moosehead Breweries and is on the Board of Directors of the John T McMillan Foundation. Janis is a teacher in Anglophone School District-South. They live in Saint John.

**Erica Melvin (2008)** **Plagenz** and **Mike Plagenz** were married on September 22, 2018. Mike is employed by Moosehead Breweries and Erica works at RST Transport and Danceability.

**Alisha Sherwood (2008)** and fiancé **Steve Cochrane** are overjoyed at the birth of their daughter **Kennedy Cochrane** born on October 2, 2018. Alisha works at Sport Check and Steve works for JD Irving. This happy family lives in Saint John.

**Katrina Noftell (2007)** married **Tyler Fraser** in St. Martins on September 22, 2018. Katrina works at Aphrodite's Hair Studio and Tyler works at TD Insurance. They make their home in Grand Bay.

### **SIMONDS' SWAG!**

Several alumni have been asking for T-shirts, toques, hoodies, sweatpants, etc. with Simonds logos on them. You are now in luck! The school recently opened an online shop for all your Simonds clothing. If you wish to have your spirit wear say "ALUMNI", you can customize it for just \$4 extra. There is LOTS of selection for men's, women's and youth clothing with several brand names. Shipping takes 4 - 7 work days and is FREE if sent to anywhere in Canada. Best of all, 10% of all purchases goes directly back to the school. Log in to the site, create your own account and pay for your purchase using a credit card. Receive 10% off your order with bonus code ENTRIPYSHOP510. Check out the online site at:

<http://simondshighschool.entripyshops.com/>





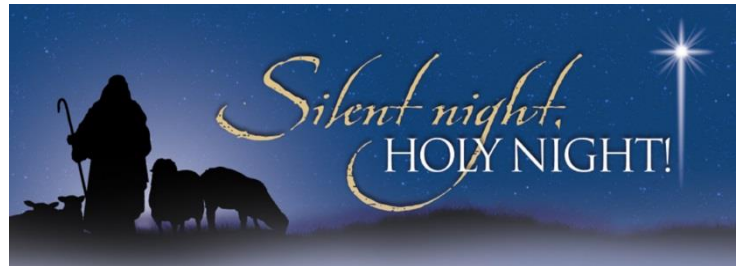
## ***Upcoming Reunions...***

**Class of 1969:** The Class of 1969 has begun plans for their 50-year reunion and have been busy locating almost everyone in their class of 275 grads. Their reunion will be held on June 22, 2019 from 7PM - 1AM at the Riverside Golf Club in East Riverside. From 9PM onward Hunter Sounds will be supplying the music. For information and to confirm your attendance, please contact [Simondsreunion.2019@gmail.com](mailto:Simondsreunion.2019@gmail.com). Details re cost will be available soon.

**Class of 1974:** The Class of 1974 will celebrate their 45-year reunion in early July 2019 at the Three Mile. They have graciously invited the classes of 1973 and 1975 to join them in these festivities. Stay tuned for further updates.

**Class of 1979:** A 40-year reunion will be celebrated by the Class of 1979 on June 29, 2019 at 7PM at O'Malley's Irish Pub on Rothesay Avenue. More details will be available soon. For updates, you may also check out their face book page: Simonds High School Class of 1979.

**Class of 2009:** Currently some members of this class are brainstorming re a date and location for their 10-year reunion. More details should be available soon.



### **200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of "Silent Night"**

Christmas Eve 2018 will mark the bicentennial Silent Night, the most famous of all Christmas carols! This beloved song was first performed in public on December 24, 1818 in St. Nikolaus church in Oberndorf, Austria. Joseph Mohr, a young priest originally wrote the lyrics to the song and Franz Xaver Gruber, a teacher and organist in nearby Arnsdorf, composed the melody to accompany them.

Oberndorf, which is not far from Salzburg, Austria, is known around the world as the "Silent Night Municipality". St. Nikolaus church, damaged by regular flooding was replaced by a Silent Night Chapel on the same site. At 5 PM every Christmas Eve since 1953 a Silent Night commemoration has taken place in this chapel. The old vicarage next door is the home to the redesigned Silent Night Museum Oberndorf which explores the history of the famous song. Both these buildings have many visitors during Advent. While there, guests can visit the Silent Night Special Post Office to obtain a Christmas stamp and special seal to accompany cards sent anywhere in the world. A brand new Silent Night Museum opened in 2017 in Wagrain near Salzburg. This new museum has interactive exhibits to enable visitors to understand the global impact and legacy of this song. The history of the song, reflections on what Christmas would have been like in the 1800s and details on the life of the lyricist and composer are highlighted in this new museum.

The Silent Night organ is displayed in Arnsdorf. The school there where Franz Gruber taught still educates students and is the oldest active school building in Austria. If you are a cyclist, you may wish to try out the 25 km Silent Night cycle trail which connects Arnsdorf to Oberndorf.

This festive song has been translated into 300 different languages and dialects and has been awarded UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage status. It is typically a song of peace.

To commemorate this milestone anniversary, there are numerous celebrations in and around Salzburg. The theme in the world famous Christmas markets in the city will be "Silent Night". There will be readings, choir performances, concerts, exhibits, a new stage play and daily Christmas tours paying homage to this beloved song. As you sing this song on Christmas Eve, may you quietly reflect on its origin and its worldwide legacy of peace.

(For more information on the song's origins and anniversary celebrations, you may wish to visit

[www.stillenacht.com](http://www.stillenacht.com).)

# OBITUARIES



**Patricia (MacDougall) Allaby (1968)** passed away unexpectedly on June 20, 2018 - approximately a week after celebrating the 50-year reunion of her class. Pat enjoyed spending quality time with her family. She is survived by her husband Art Allaby, sons Andrew and Michael, 4 grandchildren and her sister Betty.

**Kimberley (Hill/ Alie) Steward (1979)** passed away on December 3, 2018. For twenty-four years, Kimberley was an administrative assistant for the Saint John Fire Department. She enjoyed reading shopping, bicycling and having sleepovers with her daughter. Her grandchildren were her pride and joy. She is survived by her husband Matt Steward, son Scott, daughter Terri, brothers Mark Hill, Steve Hill and Serge Alie, sisters Joanne London, Davina Hill and Christiane Alie and six grandchildren.

**Raja Mukherji (1981)**, of Brampton, Ontario lost his brave battle with lung cancer on May 22, 2018. He is survived by his wife Dhriti, son Neelanjan age 18, daughter Nilasha age 12, his parents and his sister Atreyi. Raja was a professional engineer who made significant contributions in the applications of robotics in space - including his work on the Canadarm. In addition to his extensive work with the space program, Raja was involved with the medical robotics program. He was also a valued educator at the University of Toronto.

**Andrew Thibodeau (1983)** passed away from pancreatic cancer on June 21, 2018. Andrew trained in electronics and worked at Alvarion and then Telrad Networks as a project manager. After living and working in Milton, Ontario, he returned to New Brunswick and lived in the Fredericton area. He enjoyed traveling and meeting people in connection with his work or just for pleasure. He always took the time for neighbours, friends and family - sharing his kindness and thoughtfulness. He loved to cook and to bake his favourite treats. Surviving Andrew are his wife Beverly, sons David and Dennis, sisters Michelle and Theresa, brothers Robert and Ken and many devoted friends.

**Rita Hale** was a beloved Biology teacher and Science Department Head at Simonds High School; her 30-year career spanned both the Bayside Drive and Hickey Road locations. Rita, age 92, passed away on November 12, 2018 in Quispamsis, NB. In her retirement years, she frequently encountered appreciative former students. This brought her great joy! She was a talented quilter and was involved in quilting guilds at several different churches. Recently, she had enjoyed boxing at the Kingsway Care Centre. Rita will be missed by her sons Bob and Fred Jr., 4 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren, brother Douglas and sister Marylou.



## **New Email Address?**

Are you receiving this newsletter which has been graciously forwarded by a friend or family member? Why not let us add your name to our Simonds Alumni distribution list so you may receive it directly? Please send your name (including maiden name), grad year and email address to Tammy Kilpatrick at [tamkilp@yahoo.ca](mailto:tamkilp@yahoo.ca) or Judy Chapman at [judychapman44@gmail.com](mailto:judychapman44@gmail.com). If you have a new email address / changed internet providers, etc, don't forget to update us as well. Thank you.



***SIMONDS NOW!***



# Simonds

The Saint John Santa Claus Parade was held on Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> and once again we were blown away by the awesome job Simonds High did on their float! The Beauty and the Beast Christmas theme was a huge hit with the crowds along with the judges, as Simonds won “Judge’s Choice” for 2018!! Congratulations to the students and staff for a job well done!!




Simonds students and staff collected well over 1000 items and filled over 30 bags to hand out to the Outflow Men’s Shelter.



Simonds students volunteered their time to Romero House unloading 2 trucks full of food!! Amazing job by everyone. Also joined by Saints & Greyhounds working together for a great cause. WTG Seabees!





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From all members of the  
Simonds High Alumni Committee  
We wish you and your family  
A very Merry Christmas  
And  
Happiness in the new year!

Merry Christmas

