

HAPPENINGS IN THE HIVE

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The Blessings of peace
The beauty of hope The
spirit of love The
comfort of faith May
these be your gifts the
Christmas Season.



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WHAT'S HAPPENING??

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 High School
Home of the Seabees

Simonds Memorial Grove

In the Simonds High School Memorial Grove, 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 the spring, three new trees were added to the grove. One was donated by the Class of 1968 (after their 50-yr reunion). The other two were in memory of Stephen Fillmore (1977) and James King (1979).

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 and planting materials is \$180. If you wish to donate a tree, please contact Judy Chapman (judychapman44@gmail.com) or any member of the SHS Alumni Committee (on page 1). The next planting will be in the spring of 2020. Thank you to all who have donated trees in memory of friends and family. We appreciate your support of our expanding grove.



Family of James King (Class of 1979)



Family of Stephen Fillmore (Class of 1977)

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.

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 HAPPENING??



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 fourth school year, it serves approximately 50 students each day. In previous years grants have been obtained from Breakfast for Learning, but this year, the school **was not a recipient of any grants**. A kind and generous 1973 Simonds High grad makes donations of healthy muffins for the students. Generous donations of food and supplies from the Simonds retired teachers' group and two hot breakfasts/ year from the Simonds alumni also help. The breakfast room is supervised by teachers for 30 minutes before school each day. Some students enjoy a "grab and go" breakfast while others linger and chat over cereal. Breakfast options vary, but usually toast, bagels, 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 a very worthwhile program available to all students at Simonds. Students cannot learn if they are hungry. Unfortunately, this program is at risk of not continuing without the grant. If you or another community group can assist in any way, please contact Linda O'Blenis (linda.oblenis@nbed.nb.ca) at the school or Judy Chapman (judychapman44@gmail.com) with the alumni. We would truly appreciate your support to sustain this important endeavour.

Forest Hills School Reunion

Many students who went to Simonds High also attended Forest Hills School. That school is planning to celebrate a 60-yr reunion on May 9, 2020 from 1 - 4 PM. There will be memorabilia from the past, former staff and students, student performances and a BBQ. For more updates, please join the face book group Forest Hills Celebrates 60 Years!



You are welcome to The Work Room!

Located across from the main office at Simonds High.

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

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

The Work Rooms can help you:

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

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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).



WHAT'S HAPPENING??

Travel Opportunities - Journeys with Judy

"We travel not to escape life but for life not to escape us." 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, but a good quality tour? Now is the time to turn your dream into a plan. Judy Chapman is now planning two adult group trips for 2020 and two, for 2021. These tours are with a very reputable world-wide company with offices in Canada. Departure may be from any airport in the world. The May 2020 tour to Portugal and Spain (Lisbon, Seville, Madrid and Barcelona) has a few places left. In addition to those major cities, you will also visit beautiful coastal towns and villages such as Sintra, Cascais and Evora. Are you interested in sightseeing, history, food, wine, etc? Then the September 2020 Food & Wine of Northern Italy and the Italian Riviera tour is for you! 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! There will even be an opportunity to attend the gelato school there! The full itinerary and pricing for each of these tours may be found at www.grouptoursite.ca/judychapman. (My 2021 tours will be a Grand Tour of Italy in May and a tour to Budapest, Vienna, Prague and Salzburg in September of that year; full details are on the same microsite just indicated.)

Judy has had lots of travel experience, having planned 17 Simonds student tours to Europe and 5 to New York; she has organized 9 adult tours so far. She 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 or 847-3241 or on face book for more details.



Simonds

An Exciting Opportunity for Simonds

Peter Woytiuk, a teacher in the Skilled Trades and Technology Department at Simonds has been pursuing Brilliant Labs for 3 years to assist with bringing a makerspace "lab" to the school. As the usable space became available, Brilliant Labs has committed to establishing this unique area at Simonds.

You may be wondering what exactly is makerspace. **"To define a school makerspace by its purpose and simplest of terms, it is a place where young people have an opportunity to explore their own interests; learn to use tools and materials, both physical and virtual; and develop creative projects"** Laura Flemming in Worlds of Making

At Simonds this space will be available for student use before and after school, at lunch and during class time for individual students or classes to work on school related projects. The course, Introduction to Applied Technology 110 (Maker) will be offered in the fall of 2020 and an Advanced Technology 120 (Maker) course will hopefully be offered in winter 2021. The makerspace at the school will be named; it is located in A205. To assist students to explore various areas of interest, there will be a variety of high tech tools such as computers for 2D animation and CNC (computer numerical control) machining as well as computer programming, robotics, rocketry, 3D modeling and printing and injection molding. There will also be some older tech tools such as sewing and embroidery machines and silk screening. Stations where students can construct models or do arts and crafts will be available also.

This is an amazing opportunity for the entire Simonds community! Sincere congratulations to Mr. Woytiuk for pursuing this idea with Brilliant Labs and for bringing this equipment and these fascinating course options to the students!

Countdown to Christmas



The fifth annual **Countdown to Christmas** Sale sponsored by the Simonds alumni was held on Saturday, November 2, 2019 in the school cafeteria. This is the main fundraiser for the year to provide funds for our initiatives such as scholarships, semiannual hot breakfasts and technical rehearsal supper for the students and more. This year approximately 60 vendors showcased their beautiful products and creations. A food truck was also available for those craving a little something to eat. The beautiful weather brought out a steady stream of browsers and shoppers. We are especially grateful to many alumni who came out to support us and the local vendors at this sale. Please **Save the Date** for next year's sale which will be on **Saturday, November 7th, 2020**.



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 (alumnisecretary@outlook.com). 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.

Chris Baxter (2004) married Katelyn (Finn) Baxter on October 19, 2019. Chris works at Kent Building Supplies and Katelyn is a Licenced Pratical Nurse (LPN).

Katelyn Estey (2007) and partner Jordan Steele are thrilled to have another son Ryan Daniel, born on April 27, 2019. Riley, 23 months, has been promoted to "big brother". Katelyn and Jordan are police officers in Edmonton, Alberta.

Tom Young (1983) was inducted into the Saint John Sports Hall of Fame for 2019. A boxer, Tom was the 1981 Canadian intermediate flyweight champion and 1983 gold medalist at the Canada Winter Games. He has won 10 bronze medals at national competitions and 10 New Brunswick championships.

Alisha (Sherwood) Cochrane (2008) and Steve Cochrane were married on October 12, 2019. Their sweet daughter, Kennedy 14 months old joined them at the wedding. Alisha works at Sport Check and Steve works at JDI. They reside in the Saint John area.

After leaving high school, **Ken Morin** joined the Canadian military full time as a field engineer. After leaving the military and trying a couple of other things, Ken worked at Bombardier Aerospace. He earned his Mechanical Engineering degree with honours. Then he moved to California and earned his real estate license; he still does engineering and architecture advising on the side. During his various careers in different cities worldwide, he became trilingual - fluent in both French and Spanish.

David James (2004) married Amy (Marriott) James on August 17, 2019 in a beautiful outdoor wedding. They live with their 9 month old son, Nash, near Halifax, NS. 2019. David is the laboratory director at Perennia Food and Agriculture and Amy is the pension and benefit specialist for Jazz Aviation.

Matt Lamont (2006) and wife Danika welcomed their second child Thomas George on September 6, 2019. Thomas is younger brother to Alexia, age 17 months. They live and work in St. John's Newfoundland where Matt, a teaching assistant at Memorial University, is currently in the 4yr MD program there.

Meaghan (Flecknell) Smith (2006) and husband **Jeff Smith (2008)** welcomed a beautiful daughter Hannah Maeve on December 5, 2019. Meaghan is employed in Cardiac Services for the Horizon Health Network. Jeff works at Irving Wallboard. The happy family resides in Quispamsis.

A son, Edward Laurence Stewart was born to **Justin Stewart (2006)** and his wife Beth on December 12, 2019 in Saint John. Justin is an engineer at the Irving Oil Refinery and Beth is a nurse in surgical intensive care at the Saint John Regional Hospital.

After returning from teaching in Korea, **Cassie (Clifford) Makrides (2010)** married Dmitri Makrides on October 12, 2019. Cassie has a new job at the Dr. Everett Chalmers Hospital and Dmitri is a supervisor at United Parcel Service in Fredericton where they live. **Laura (MacNeill) Warner (2009)** married Stefan Warner on August 17, 2019. Laura is the administrative and communications coordinator at the Teen Resource Centre and Stefan is a teacher at Anglophone South School District. Laura is very active in her community as Director of Public Relations for the Rotary Club of Saint John and treasurer of Third Space Gallery.

Kathleen (Boyle) Johnstone (2007) and husband **Brendan Johnstone (2005)** have a new son Barrett Michael Joseph born on July 19, 2019. He is a younger brother to Parker. Kathleen is a teacher at Saint John High School and Brendan works at Irving Pulp & Paper. They live in Renforth.

Tristin (Arseneault) Murchison (2005) and husband **Mark Murchison (1976)** announce the birth of their daughter Nazareth Ave Gabriel Murchison born on July 8, 2019. Naz will be spoiled by older twin siblings Eli and Israel age 9 as well as Luke, Allie and Jacqueline. Mark is a longtime Physics and Biology teacher at Simonds. They live at Crystal Beach.

Beth (Stiles) Peterson (2002) and husband **Shawn Peterson (2002)** added son James William to their lovely family on September 26, 2019. James is younger brother to Alexander age 6 and Julia age 9. Beth is a pharmacist at Lawtons, McAllister Place and Shawn works for Sales Force. The family resides in Rothesay.

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 ENTRIPYSHOPS10. Check out the online site at:

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

SEABEES HOME & AWAY

Amanda (Shepherd) MacLeod (2002) and husband Adam MacLeod have a son Gabriel George Robert born on June 24, 2019. Amanda is an instructor at NorQuest College and Adam is a business development manager at Get Assist Inc. They live in Edmonton, Alberta.

Nate Bartlett (2007) and wife Kerri welcomed a son on November 21, 2019. Finnegan Hoyt Bartlett will be well looked after by big sister Wren, age 2. Nate is enjoying his new position as Children's Pastor at The Point Church in Miramichi. Kerri is a respiratory therapist.

Erica (Melvin) Plagenz (2008) and husband Mike Plagenz are very excited with the arrival of their son Logan Anthony on July 17, 2019. Erica works at RST Transport and at Danceability and has choreographed the routines of many of the Simonds' musicals. Mike is employed by Moosehead Breweries. They make their home in East Saint John.

Carly Murray (2012) and **Anthony Debly (2007)** were married on October 5, 2019. Carly is a nurse at the Saint John Regional Hospital and Anthony is an engineer at Debly Enterprises. They live in French Village.

Amelia (Pinet-Dorie) Tate (2011) married Kory Tate in Antigonish, N.S. on August 24, 2019. Amelia is a nurse at Guysborough Memorial Hospital in Nova Scotia and Kory works with Nova Scotia Power. The happy couple lives in Antigonish, NS.

Kyle Skerry (2007) married Leanne (Davis) Skerry on August 17, 2019. Kyle works as a power engineer at Point Lepreau Generating Station, while Leanne is the Research Coordinator at the Horizon Health Network. The happy couple lives in Saint John

Susan (Carson) Brown (2008) and husband **Sam Brown (2003)** now have a daughter Sloane Marie Brown born on June 22, 2019. Sloane has an older brother Mason, age 4. Susan is an X-ray technician at the Sussex Health Centre while Sam works at TD Insurance. They reside in Saint John.

Emily (Taylor) Hao (2012) married Robin Hao on May 18, 2019. They live in Edmonton, Alberta where Emily is a kinesiologist and Robin is a medical doctor.

Jennifer (Porter) Boyd (2003) and husband **Brad Boyd (2003)** welcomed their son Brandon Michael Theodore born on May 1, 2019. Jen works at Gateway Dental Center in Oromocto and Brad is with the Canadian Forces. They make their home in Burton, NB.

Katey (Wilson) Day-Reick (1987) represented Canada at the Karaoke World Championships in Tokyo in November 2019. There she blew away the judges and came home with second place. (Check out her rendition of her last prize-winning song at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TdJH7EcSew8>). Katey has had a variety of interesting careers (including radio announcer) during her life so far. She is now a successful real estate agent in the Shediac / Moncton area where she lives with her wife Katie. She is a proud mom of two daughters.

Selassie (Agbaku) Crabbe (2007) and Geoffrey Crabbe were married on August 24, 2019. Selassie and Geoff are both supply chain engineers (part of the Planning, Economics and Optimization Group) at the Irving Oil Refinery. They live in Saint John.

Jill (Mott) Train (2004) and husband **Stephen Train (2002)** welcomed son Cameron Jay on September 10, 2019. Cameron is little brother to sister Addison age 3. Jill is a teacher at Anglophone School District South and Stephen runs Port City Pawn Shop.

A beautiful wedding in the Annapolis Valley was had by **Kyle Kilpatrick (2009)** and Rachael (Monette) Kilpatrick on August 31, 2019. The couple makes their home in Saint John where Kyle works as a Terminals Area Technician at Irving Oil and Rachael works as a Service Coordinator at Tango Medical.

Katelyn Dobson (2010) and partner **Jordan Legere (2010)** are thrilled to have a second daughter Juliet born on August 8, 2019. Juliet is younger sister to Khloe age 2. Katelyn is an LPN at the Saint John Regional Hospital and a recent graduate from the Educational Assistants program. Jordan works as a natural gas technician at LeRoy's Heating.

Megan (Parkhill) Hicks (2004) and husband **Dr. James Hicks (2003)** added to their family on August 26, 2019. Holly Patricia-Leigh is a new baby sister for Dylan age 8, Rachel age 5 and Jordan, 21 months. Dr. Hicks is a dentist at Oakville Lane Dental in Rothesay. The happy family lives in Quispamsis.

Katrina Noftell (2007) and husband Tyler Stewart have a new son Theodore John Fraser born on May 17, 2019. Katrina is a stylist at Aphrodite's Hair Salon and Tyler works at TD Insurance. The family makes their home in Grand Bay.





Reunions...

Seven Simonds classes celebrated milestone reunions this year. Details on 5 are showcased in this issue; the remaining 2 will be showcased in our next issue.



Simonds **Class of 2009** combined with the 2008's for a joint reunion on July 13, 2019. We had over 60 Seabees in attendance from all over – and the farthest flew in from California to join. Special thanks to DJ Robin Turner (Class of 2011) who kept the throwback tunes pumping all night. Shout out to a couple of 09's that supported the event even though they knew they were not going to be able to make it - Danika Depres and Ayla Moores – that is true school spirit! We danced the night away and had a great time reminiscing with everyone in the school cafeteria. See you all in 10 years for our 20th! submitted by Laura (MacNeill) Warner



On June 22, 2019, the **Class of 1969** held their 50-year reunion at Riverside Golf and Country Club. They had a wonderful turnout with 104 grads and 41 guests. Grads came from various places in New Brunswick plus PEI, Nova Scotia, Ontario and British Columbia. There were speeches, prize draws and dancing, but most of the grads preferred to spend their evening chatting and reconnecting with their high school friends. There was a memorabilia table with a graduation program, ribbons, and class composite. A memorial book paid tribute to fellow grads who had passed away. Three birthdays and even a 50-th wedding anniversary were also celebrated that evening. Funds remaining from the celebration were donated to the Simonds High School Scholarship Fund.





Reunions...cont'd

A small portion of the **Class of '89** got together July 20th for a trip down memory lane. They met for a tour of the school in the afternoon. Some hadn't been back since graduating 30 years ago! It brought out a lot of laughs and smiles...especially seeing the grad pictures hanging in the stairwell. About two dozen got together after supper at the Phoenix Dinner Theatre. There was 80's music in the background as the stories and laughs continued. The Phoenix is co-owned and operated by Simonds '89 Grad, Cale Stevens, and his wife, Amy. Perfect location for our evening event! The biggest difference between the night at the Phoenix and our high school dances... everyone is now of age!

Submitted by Bruce Nesbit



Approximately 50 members of the **Class of 1999** celebrated their 20-year reunion on Saturday, October 5, 2019 in St Martins. A bus was rented to pick up attendees in the city and transport them to the reunion venue. Classmates were able to have a group picture taken on the beach and then return to The Cave Restaurant for an evening of reconnecting with friends. There was a fun Mexican theme with a taco buffet and even a pinata! A good time was had by all and they cannot wait until their next reunion!





Reunions...cont'd

The Class of 1979 celebrated their 40 year class reunion on Saturday, June 30th at O'Malley's Irish Pub (owner is a Simonds alumnus). We were thrilled to have 139 classmates attend this great evening. Many traveled from various parts of Canada & the USA. Karen Vey, from BC travelled the furthest & Ruth Surrrette from Alberta was a first-time attendee at the reunion; both were thrilled to be home for the event. A great assortment of door prizes was donated by fellow grads. Lots of attendees had a great time at the photo booth! Special thanks to Mike Foley, who with the help of their families and Karen Hartin put together a most wonderful memorial video to honour fellow grads and friends who had passed away far too soon. This beautiful video tribute may be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RIItrHOHVXQ>.
NOTE: This very organized class has been having reunions every five years! Submitted by Cindy (Cole) Hampton



2020 Reunions

Class of 1970: Planning for their 50-year reunion, started early as they have been trying to locate as many as possible from their class of 301 grads. Their reunion will be held on June 27, 2020 from 6 PM - midnight at the Riverside Golf Club in East Riverside. From 8 PM onward Alpha One Studios (Chris/ Frick Wetmore) will be supplying the music. For more information, please contact simondsclassof70@gmail.com or join their face book page **Simonds High School Class of 1970**. Details re cost will be available soon.

Class of 1980: A 40-year reunion will be celebrated by the Class of 1980. More details will be available soon. For updates, you may check their face book page: **Simonds High School Class of 1980**.

Class of 1984: A 40-year reunion will take place on August 10, 2024.

Class of 2000: Currently some members of this class are brainstorming re a date and location for their 20-year reunion. Stay tuned for more details.

OBITUARIES



M George Sanders (1952), from the first graduating class at Simonds Regional High School, passed away on October 7, 2019. At his graduation he was the recipient of the first Governor General's Gold Medal. George worked as an electrical contractor. In his spare time, he enjoyed camping, bird carving and holidaying on PEI. He is survived by his wife Jean, son Douglas, daughter Ann, 2 granddaughters, brothers Douglas and Fred and sisters Connie, Nancy and Lillian.

Harold McCumber (1966) passed away in Cherryville, North Carolina on July 15, 2019. Harold moved to the US in 1978 and worked there as an engineer. He enjoyed working on construction projects and tinkering with old cars. Left to mourn Harold are his wife Bonnie, sons Ryan, Regan and Reid, 6 granddaughters, twin brother David and sister Joan.

Gerard Laming (1967) passed away unexpectedly on July 30, 2019. Gerry worked as an installer and repairman for NB Tel for 31 years followed by several years as a ramp attendant for Air Canada. He was a very giving man - eager to help anyone with anything. He loved woodworking, movies, cooking and anything to do with mathematics (for which he had a natural talent). Gerry will be missed by his wife Philomena, children Jamie, Renee and Jared and 3 grandchildren.

Shelley (Nichols) Charlton (1969) passed away in early November 2019 after a long battle with ALS. She is survived by her husband, Rick Charlton, children Stephanie, Adam and Vanessa, two grandchildren, her father Leonard and brothers Stephen and Barry Nichols.

Elaine (Hatty) Maloney (1970) passed away on May 8, 2019 in Saint John. Lanie is well known for her beautiful voice. Over the years, she has been involved in many musical ensembles and has sung at numerous weddings, funerals and other special occasions and events - especially those in the church. Left to mourn are her mother Bette, sons Jeffrey and Lee, brother Terry Hatty and sisters Cynthia, Holly and Jill.

John Nugent (1971) lost his short battle with cancer on October 14, 2019. He was a well-respected Irving Oil Refinery employee for more than 45 years! John was a lifelong blood donor, making over 300 blood and plasma donations. He enjoyed working on engines and old trucks and also got great pleasure living on his hobby farm with his many pets. He is survived by his wife Phyllis, sister Zoann, children Rhonda, Troy, Brenda, Dianne, and Michael as well as 11 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

Charlotte Bannister (1973) passed away on July 13, 2019. She worked for many years as a GW3 at St. Joseph's and Saint John Regional Hospitals. Her hobbies were ceramics, stained glass and baking. Charlotte is survived by her son Christopher, daughters Tara and Tracey and sisters Margaret, Christine and Charlene.

Susan (McLenaghan) (1975) passed away on June 5, 2019. For 38 years, she was employed at Loch Lomond Villa, where her compassionate nature and sense of humour made her loved and valued by residents and coworkers. She will be missed by her partner Raymond Alberts, daughter Sheena, son Kevin, 3 grandchildren and sisters Karen and Lynn.

Robin Dugdale (1977) passed away October 26, 2019 in hospital in Edmonton, Alberta from complications of surgery. Robin worked in various occupations in the oil fields of the west. He enjoyed delivering oil rigs on extra long transport trucks. He was also an ice trucker, a dispatcher and an Occupational Safety and Health Technology Technician. At the time of his death he had returned to truck driving. Robin is survived by his wife Linda as well as siblings Linda, Susan, Julie, Nancy and Brent.

Marg (Legere) James (1977) passed away on October 11, 2019 following a valiant battle with cancer. Marg began her career as a geriatric aid, then an RNA, then an RN and then she earned her Bachelor of Nursing. Nursing was her passion. In 2016 she won the Canada-wide Enterostomal Therapy Nurse of the Year Award. At the time of her death, she was president of the local Breasts Ahoy (breast cancer survivors) dragon boat group and traveled with them to their international competition in Italy in 2018. She and her husband were members of the Fundy Coast Campers RV Group. Marg was a very kind and caring lady to everyone. She will be missed by her husband Darrell, children Steve, Matthew, David and Crystal, 5 grandchildren, brothers Mac, Mike and Brian and sisters Susan and Tina.

Monica (Pasch) Brown (1979) lost her battle with cancer on October 5, 2019. Monica enjoyed her travel to beach destinations and to Europe, especially to Germany to visit family. She loved time spent with her grandchildren. She is survived by her husband Malcolm, children Corey, Erica and Christopher and 4 grandchildren.

Susan (Cormier) Todd (1982) died unexpectedly on November 3, 2019. Susan was a member of the Loyalist City Corvette Club and enjoyed going to car shows with her husband David. In addition to spending time with her family, Susan enjoyed the friendships she made at her work at McDonalds on McAllister Drive. She will be missed by her husband David, son Ricky Todd, daughter Kayla and sister Victoria Cormier-Herrington.

Doug Conway (1984) passed away on July 23, 2019. Doug worked as an LPN at the V.A. Snow Centre and at the Saint John Regional Hospital. He was an avid sports fan. Doug enjoyed his summers boating and ATV-ing at the family camp. Left to miss him are his wife Rose, son Jason, brothers Darren and Derrick.

OBITUARIES...cont'd



Brett Johnston (2010) passed away unexpectedly in late October in Saint John. Brett had a kind heart and was always willing to lend a hand. As a skilled industrial mechanic, he could fix almost anything. He enjoyed the outdoors - especially fishing and hunting. Brett was survived by his mother Sheri, his partner Kelsey Goodwin, his daughter Blake, his sister Sarah and brother Jed.

Will MacEwen (staff) worked at Simonds for many years as an Educational Assistant. He passed away on November 22, 2019 following a battle with dementia. Proud of his Scottish heritage, Will enjoyed making the journey to Scotland. He had a great musical talent - singing, song writing and playing his guitar or almost any other musical instrument. He played with the King's Ransom musical worship group. Will is survived by his wife Darlene, children Vanessa and Jesse, two grandchildren, sisters Judy, Janice and Cathy.

Paul MacDonald (1985) passed away on June 14, 2019. Paul ended his various careers at Crosby's Molasses. He enjoyed playing poker and crib and picking up yard sale treasures to resell. Paul's family includes his daughters Jodi and Rosalie, son Lucas, wife Louise as well as brother Tony and sister Cindy.

Schelly Chase (1986) lost her courageous battle with cancer on June 5, 2019. She worked as a Medical Laboratory Technologist at the Irving Oil Refinery and then at the Calais Regional Hospital. For a while she moved to California to specialize in microbiology at the Hollywood Presbyterian Hospital in Los Angeles. Then, Schelley returned to work at the Cape Breton Regional Hospital in Sydney, NS. She enjoyed music, books and painting and was passionate about dogs and horses. Schelley is survived by her parents David and Heather Chase and her brother Jeffery.

Scott Chinnery (1985) died on August 20, 2019. Scott owned and operated Service Master in Prince George, BC for 10 years. Then he and his family moved to Calgary where he worked for Telco Power and Enersys. Scott enjoyed fly fishing, music and cooking. In 2014, he took his family to Kenya; while there they completed part of the x-ray unit at Baraka Hospital. He will be truly missed by his wife Siobhan, daughters Daimhin and Hannah, mother Marilyn and brother Doug.

William Finn (1974) lost his battle with pancreatic cancer on June 26, 2019. Bill worked for Midland Transport for over 20 years. He loved being outdoors and spending time with his family. His wife Karen, daughter Alicia and son Sean will miss him greatly.

Mike Jack (2002) died unexpectedly in Moncton from a brain aneurysm on May 1, 2019. He had trained in mechanics at the New Brunswick Community College. Mike had a great ability to make his friends and family laugh, even in stressful times. He is survived by his fiancée Jelena Czopko, his mother Dale, his step-father Russell, and sister Carrie.

Arthur Pottle (staff) passed away in his hundredth year on July 14, 2019. Art left school after Gr 8 to help support the family. He served in various capacities in WWII. Among other military awards, Art received the US government Congressional Gold Medal and the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal. After the war, he went to university and then taught at Simonds Regional High School where he was a well-loved teacher and coach. From there, he went to the district office as Guidance coordinator. Art was active in his community through numerous boards and committees. He officiated basketball for many years and was inducted into the Saint John Sports Hall of Fame. He leaves behind his children Bob, John, Mark, Kent and Frances, 7 grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and brother, George who was also a Simonds teacher.

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.

SIMONDS 2019!




In the 2019 school year, there were three retirements from Simonds High School. Monique Noftell a longtime administrative assistant and welcome face in the school office retired. At the very end of June, two other Simonds staff members decided to retire. They are Mike Boyle who taught various woodworking courses and Cooperative Education. If you ever purchased one of the many baby barns made at Simonds it was probably crafted by the students under Mike's tutelage. Mike also assisted many times with the Simonds Christmas parade float. Mike Gallagher, a Chemistry teacher and avid photographer, also had some experience teaching woodworking. We thank these three staff members for their service to the staff and students of Simonds and hope they enjoy a long happy and healthy retirement.

On Dec. 9th the Simonds Spirit Committee held a Community PJ Event for children ages 5-10 to come enjoy an evening of cookie making, crafts and stories. The Alumni volunteered their time to set up coffee & sweets for the parents while they waited! It was a great turnout!



Kirby Gordon, veteran Simonds teacher and department head was recently presented with an award from the Saint John Police Commission. An auxiliary police constable for the past 10 years, Kirby initiated, created and has taught the Police Foundations program at Simonds since 2013. By the end of this year, almost 400 students will have enrolled in the course. His award from the Police Commission is in recognition of his time and commitment in developing and delivering this program to the students at Simonds. It is the only high school policing program in Atlantic Canada! Congratulations on your well-deserved award Mr. Gordon! Thank you for sharing this course and information to Simonds students.



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It is hard to believe another year has come to an end and we are about to celebrate the holiday season once more. Your Alumni has been working hard on your behalf to keep the connection strong between our fellow Seabees and the school we all love so much. Many new members on the facebook site helps to ensure our messages get out and we love seeing so many of you and hearing about your lives! Keep sharing your memories!

Our annual Christmas Market was a HUGE success and it was a true pleasure to see so many returning Seabees shopping in the Hive! Thank you goes out to the Vendors and the Shoppers for sharing in that success. We can hardly wait until next year!

Your Alumni has served breakfast to needy students at Simonds, donated snacks, clothing and toiletries and continues to support events happening in and around the school. This partnership goes a long way to ensuring that each and every Seabee knows they are part of a larger family and that message couldn't be more important especially during this time of year.

As we look forward to the new year and all the adventures it will bring we encourage you to get involved with your alumni. We meet once a month and it is truly a rewarding experience. Please get in contact with any member of your Alumni if you are interested. We would love to see you!

May you and yours find the peace and joy of the holiday season.

Jill (Vincent) Fckstone

Graduate of 1986
Simonds Alumni

