



June 2014

Yes, the Alumni Association is still alive and well. Even though this is the first newsletter of 2014, the committee has been meeting bi-monthly and continues to participate in the life of St. John's High. The reports below highlight some of these activities. If you'd like to know more, or even join in, why not come to the next meeting - September 17 at 7:00 in the library - or contribute an article for the web site or newsletter? There is so much more we could be doing as an association; your ideas and involvement can make a difference. Have a great summer – hope to see you in September!!

Alumni Pins

Alumni President Percy Casas and teacher Lisa Sheridan will present approximately 128 alumni pins at convocation on June 27th at Calvary Temple. You can purchase your own pin for \$5.00; email Sue Gibb at sue.gibb@live.com or susangibb7@gmail.com or leave a message for her at the school, (204) 589-4374. Proceeds will enable us continue this tradition (started in June 2013) for future graduates of St. John's.



Alumni Wall News

The Alumni Wall now has all of the display sections completed; however, we are making some changes in placement of the plaques and will reveal the changes on the website in the fall. We still have lots of room for new individual and family plaques. The purchase order form is available on the website; stjohnshighalumni.com.

Website News

The alumni website was last updated in May and will continue to add new stories and features after a summer break. If any alumni have stories, ideas, or photos to contribute please contact Sue, sue.gibb@live.com or susangibb7@gmail.com.

Honouring our Centenarians

If you know of any alumni or former staff close to, or turning 100, please let us know. We would like to interview them if possible and present them with an alumni pin. Articles about the interviews could be featured in the newsletter and on the website. Please send the details to stj100alumni@gmail.com.

Mountains from Molehills: St. John's Archives Grows

Your Archives Committee has been hard at work this year adding to our collection of news items about the school, its teaching and support staff and its current and former students. We mount pictures and print items – frequently an obituary, on letter sized paper sheets, label individuals with their school names and years of attendance, record this information in our computer archive, slip the paper copy in plastic sleeves and file these in decade binders.

To give you an idea of how the archives have grown since our 100th anniversary in 2010, here is a table listing the totals that have accumulated in each category.

Binders	Alumni	Events
1910-1919	17	X
1920's	165	1910-1929 - 24
1930's	415	60
1940's	326	36
1950's	245	54
1960's	247	77
1970's	181	76
1980's	66	60
1990's	29	35
2000's	143	497
Staff	315	42

These impressive totals of **2,149** alumni and staff items and **961** event items do not reflect the multiple items entered for some alumni. Burton Cummings, and recently Devon Clunis, for example, are counted once but have a long and ever growing list of news articles filed under their names.

The Committee's next objective is to prepare entries with dates for the students who fought and died in the two world wars. Miss Eileen McCord who taught at St. John's from 1925 to 1957 kept a scrapbook of newspaper clippings featuring students active in the war effort. Much of this binder has survived the seventy years and has given the committee a valuable starting point.

Thanks to Greg Woloszyn and Sue Gibb for the time and dedication given to this undertaking – and their unfailing good humour. We meet one afternoon a week in the school library but devote additional personal time as well to this enterprise.

Chris Dewar
Archives Committee Chair

St. John's Library Centennial

I am pleased to inform my fellow alumni members that the St. John's Library, along with Cornish Library, is celebrating its centennial in June 2015. In recognition of this event, the Winnipeg Library Foundation is launching Centennial Renewal, a campaign to raise the \$1.25 million necessary to make St. John's Library fully accessible. Improved lighting, windows, furnishings, energy efficiency, and fire safety will all be addressed as part of this project. All of these improvements will result in a space that is more functional and welcoming, as well as one that will continue to serve the changing North End.



Following is a poster promoting the launch of this campaign coming up on Thursday, June 12th. I know many of my fellow alumni have strong ties to St. John's Library, and we would love to have as many as possible attend the event in support of our neighbourhood library.

Over the last 100 years, the social and economic landscapes may have changed, but Winnipeg's North End has always been home to hardworking people with the drive to achieve and succeed. Today, new Canadians, seniors, students from nearby schools, and Aboriginal people all meet at St. John's Library to learn, grow, and connect. The Aboriginal collection of materials, student homework club, language resources, and other programs are all tailored to meet the special requirements of this unique and diverse area.

The Winnipeg Library Foundation is a registered charity that works to raise funds for innovative major projects benefitting the Winnipeg Public Library. We are grateful for the support of past and current St John's Library users as well as St John's High School alumni.

For more information or to donate online or by phone please call the Library Foundation at (204) 989-2060 or visit our website at www.winnipeglibraryfoundation.ca. Your tax-deductible donation can also be mailed to: Winnipeg Library Foundation, P.O. Box 2503 Winnipeg, MB R3C 4A7. Tax receipts will be issued for donations exceeding \$15.00.

I look forward to hearing from many of you,

Sandy Hyman, class of 1964, St. John's High School and
Chair, Winnipeg Library Foundation

ST. JOHN'S LIBRARY CENTENNIAL RENEWAL CAMPAIGN LAUNCH

St. John's Library is 99 years old!
To celebrate, join us for a party as we
kick off our fundraising campaign
that will raise money to renovate
this beautiful building.

Thursday June 12 • 2:00 pm
Win Gardner Place
363 McGregor St.

Event updates at
WinnipegLibraryFoundation.ca
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