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Events Calendar 2007-2008

Day	Date	Event	Time	Where
Tuesday	Oct. 16th	Meeting Lunch	10:00 a.m. 12:00 noon	EMSB Picasso Restaurant
Thursday	Oct. 25th	New Members Reception	3:30 p.m.	EMSB
Tuesday	Nov. 20th	Meeting Lunch	10:00 a.m. 12:00 noon	EMSB Picasso Restaurant
Friday	Dec. 7th	Holiday Party Lunch	10:00 a.m. 12:00 noon	EMSB Picasso Restaurant
Tuesday	Jan. 15 th	Meeting Lunch	10:00 a.m. 12:00 noon	EMSB Picasso Restaurant
Tuesday	Feb. 19 th	Meeting Lunch	10:00 a.m. 12:00 noon	EMSB Picasso Restaurant
Tuesday	March 18 th	Meeting Lunch	10:00 a.m. 12:00 noon	EMSB Picasso Restaurant
Friday	March 28	Benefits Workshop Lunch	10:00 a.m. 12:00 noon	EMSB Picasso Restaurant
Tuesday	April 15 th	Meeting Lunch	10:00 a.m. 12:00 noon	EMSB Picasso Restaurant
Thursday	May 8 th	Annual General Meeting Lunch	10:00 a.m. 12:00 noon	EMSB Picasso Restaurant
Tuesday	June 17 th	Meeting	10:00 a.m.	

Monthly luncheons are at:
 The Picasso Restaurant
 6810 St. Jacques West (West of Cavendish)
 Tel: (514) 484-2832

- Please call any member of the Special Events Committee to make a reservation. All are welcome, and bring a friend

Alston Narick - 514-272-5459
 Althea Caesar - 514-787-7241
 Sandra Aird - 514-738-6169

- We welcome suggestions for additional activities, call us at any of the telephone numbers shown above, or use the e-mail address: info@qparse-apperq.org

Autumn Reception for New Members

Now is the time to welcome new retirees to our association. We hope they will enjoy themselves meeting other members and returning for other QPARSE activities

DETAILS

Date	Thursday October 25 th , 2007
Place	English Montreal School Board 6000 Fielding Avenue Montreal Lawrence Patterson Room
Time	3.30 - 5.30 pm
Cost	\$5.00 (payable at door)

Parking is available in the Visitors' Parking Lot, off Draper Street

For more information, please contact:

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President's Message

Pat Steele

Welcome to a new year of activities. This is the season to start new courses, find new volunteer opportunities, new hobbies, attend the new concert season, or perhaps enjoy getting back to old routines after the summer break. Our first event of the year will be the Reception for newly retired members, to be held on October 25th at 3.30 p.m. in the EMSB building at 6000 Fielding. We are welcoming at least 40 new members, and probably more since that figure is a few days old. Do come and greet old friends as well as welcoming new ones. And our next lunch will be on Tuesday, October 16th and we look forward to seeing many of you. The Picasso restaurant on St. Jacques has lots of parking, the food is decent and there is certainly plenty of it! And, of course, the company is good.

You may have seen in the media that the Quebec Government is holding hearings on Seniors' Living Conditions. The public consultation will focus, in particular, on the financial situation of seniors; recognition of the contribution and needs of informal caregivers; seniors' contribution to society; home support; and public and private seniors' homes. QPARSE is not presenting a brief as an organization due to lack of resources to carry out credible research on these issues. However, we would encourage any of you who have particular concerns to make your views known. Further information is available at 1-866-255-9109 or on the consultation's Website at www.consultationpublique-aines-gouv.qc.ca.

The Association des retraitées et retraités de l'enseignement du Québec (AREQ) continues to lobby for improvements in the indexing provisions of the RREGOP as part of a group of around 30 associations working together on the issue. This year marks the 25th anniversary of the "deindexation" of pensions, passed by the Parti Québécois government in 1982 to control public sector expenses (and followed shortly thereafter by the 20% salary cut). With inflation at the time running at 17%, an indexing formula that cut in at anything over 3% did not seem like the end of the world, but as we now know the result is that many retired public sector workers have little or no cost of living increases in their pensions. The provisions for those still at work were improved in 2000 but the improvements were not made retroactive. People with years of service between 1982 and 1999 receive no cost of living increases for the pension based on those years. We are working with AREQ and the other associations to correct this inequity, and also requesting a formal mechanism such as a working group to meet regularly with the government on pension issues.

Finally, just a mention of a major conference on aging, to be held in Quebec city in June 2008. This event is organized by the Association internationale francophone des aînés and it is the third conference of the Francophonie on the subject. The aim is to prepare recommendations for leaders and governments in French speaking countries, who will also be meeting in Quebec in October 2008 at the 12th Summit of La francophonie. All proceedings will naturally be in French. Further information can be obtained from AIFA at 418-667-8161, website www.aifa.ca.

So much for official events and efforts. Have a good year - I'm raising just a wee dram to your health and happiness in the coming months!

High School Reunion

OUTREMONT HIGH SCHOOL REUNION CLASS OF 1974

The reunion of the Outremont High School
Class of 1974
will take place on
Saturday November 10th, 2007

We would be happy to see our high school teachers
And administrators at this event.

Please contact
Josianne Wanono at
jswanono@videotron.ca
or at
(514) 516-0465
For further information



Contact QPARSE

Use our e-mail address If you have questions to ask a Board Member	info@qparse-apperq.org
Or: If you would like to submit an article, or make a correction in the newsletter	Don Berry, Editor 68 Courtney Montreal West Quebec H4X 1M5 Tel: 514-487-3140 e-mail: dberry@videotron.ca
Or: Visit our website:	www.qparse-apperq.org/e/feedback.shtml

LEGAL ADVICE

Please be reminded that QPARSE retains the services of a notary who is willing to answer general questions dealing with real estate or taxes. Should he act for you, there will be a charge.

Andrea F. Durso, Notary 4635 Sherbrooke St. West Westmount, QC H3Z 1G2	Tel: (514) 931-2531 Fax: (514) 931-2534
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Front Cover	The rides are always a feature of the fall fair. Even we seniors can enjoy the ferris wheel
Back Cover	The local community puts on a display of its creations. School kids often take part or enjoy the displays

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New Members Application Form

QPARSE FEES: **Life Membership \$75.00**

Please complete the form below and return it, with your cheque for \$75.00 made payable to QPARSE, to:

Mrs Robin Narsted
Membership Director
323 West Acres
Dollard des Ormeaux, QC
H9G 1V2



(Please Print)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Apt/Hse # Street

City

Province

Postal Code

Tel. No: _____ Date of birth _____ (dd/mm/yy)

(area code plus number)

e-mail address: _____

Date of Application: _____

Is there anyone residing at the same address who is already a QPARSE member? If so, please specify first and last names.

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Reports

ACER-CART Annual General Meeting

Representatives for the 13 retired teacher organizations from every province in Canada gathered at the offices of the Canadian Teachers' Federation in Ottawa on June 1-2, 2007 for the 16th Annual General Meeting. As usual, the opportunities to share ideas, renew acquaintances, meet new friends, and to report on the activities of the ACER-CART committees and the issues faced by the provincial organizations were much appreciated. A full AGM report is posted on the ACER-CART website. Drouin's work on the incorporation of ACER-CART was recognized. This annual meeting of the national organization of Canadian retired teachers faced some unique discussions with the proposal from the Retired Teachers of Ontario to change the structure of the national organization. The proposals initiated a good opportunity to review the purpose for ACER-CART's existence. The delegates agreed to the addition of an executive position exclusively for RTO/ERO so that there are now four regions: Atlantic, Quebec, Ontario, West.

A proposal to change the "one rep-one vote" provision of the organization to a weighted vote system based on the fees paid by a provincial organization garnered views from all sides of the issue, including an amendment from the BCRTA that almost succeeded. In the end, delegates opted to retain the current voting arrangement for the coming year.

A proposal to increase the annual per member fee from 20 cents to 25 cents (bringing it to the level it was 16 years ago) was strongly debated on the basis that no strong argument for an increase was evident, and that a more thorough delineation of budgeted expenditures was needed. While the increase motion passed, it was agreed that changes to the manner in which the budget was detailed would be done so as to provide a better breakdown of the use of the funds budgeted. Terms of reference for any reserve funds were requested as well, and ACER-CART will review the bylaws to clarify the definitions of member, member organization, eligible votes and the voting majorities required.

Motions were passed directing the organization to:

Accept the Yukon Retired Teachers Alumni (YRTA) as a member of ACER-CART.

Lobby the Government of Canada to restore funding for literacy.

Lobby the Canadian Teachers' Federation to urge all provincial Departments of Learning/Education to require the study of History, especially Canadian History, in all Canadian High Schools.

Lobby the Government of Canada to restore funding for the Status of Women.
Lobby the federal Government to expand the \$500 tax deduction for youth fitness to the plus 55 age group to encourage seniors' wellness as well.
Change from 3 Regional Directors to 4 Regional Directors and to add YRTA to Region 4 (West).
Adopt a policy advocating support and assistance to active teachers' organizations.
Adopt a policy allowing for support to charitable causes related to human relief and support services; civic and cultural development; environmental and ecological preservation; promotion and advancement of the education, physical and mental health and well-being of children. ACER-CART's support may be in many forms: for example, letters of support; in-kind services and lobbying.
Address the following issues as priorities for 2007-2008: elder abuse; availability and cost of prescription drugs; the effect of escalating property taxes on retirees.
Express its concern re the process, the appointments, and the geographic distribution of appointments for the National Seniors' Council.
Lobby the Federal Government to rectify the Government understating of CPI and reimburse the pensioners accordingly.

The President Comments (Helen Biales)

It is a privilege and honour for me to serve as the president of ACER-CART for the coming year. As the official national organization of retired teachers, we need to be actively involved in lobbying the federal government on the many issues and concerns that face, not only retired educators but also seniors in general. Seniors have given much to this country to make it a better place, not only for us, but also for the rest of society. Retiring from our professional careers does not mean that we are unable to make valuable contributions to society. If it were not for seniors all the organizations that need volunteers would find it difficult to function.

As a national organization, we have to carefully choose the causes we want to support and lobby for. Often there is a fine line between provincial and federal jurisdiction, and politicians do not appreciate having someone encroach on their territories. With this in mind, ACER-CART selected these three priorities for the coming year: elder abuse, availability and cost of prescription drugs and escalating property taxes. Although there are many more issues, to be successful in our efforts, we have limited ourselves to these three for this year.

Elder abuse is now more openly acknowledged. As we know, this abuse can take many forms: physical, psychological, and financial. Often these people have no one to turn to but the abuser. With age, health becomes a concern for more of us. Medications are needed so

that people can continue to live an independent life. The cost of these medications can be astronomical for people on fixed incomes, and certainly the costs vary from province to province. Most retirees worked long and hard to pay off their mortgages and improve their homes prior to retirement. The goal was for the couple (or the remaining spouse) to live in their home as long as possible. Escalating property taxes are making it difficult for these people to maintain their homes.

Hopefully, we have chosen issues where we can have an impact by lobbying the politicians to make them aware of the impact these issues have on seniors. To be successful in our lobbying, we need our members to support our efforts by talking to our politicians. As these issues are being worked on, we will keep your provincial leadership informed of what we are doing and how you can support us.

Directory of Members with Special Expertise

Some time ago, we used to include in the Newsletter a list of names and phone numbers of members who had particular skills and interests that they were prepared to share with others. The topics included computers, real estate, travel, hearing problems, taxes and benefits. We would like to reinstitute this list. Of course, if you make additional income from your expertise, we would not expect you to offer your services free except for an initial phone contact.

If you are interested in putting your name on such a list, please contact us by e-mail, info@qparse-apperq.org or phone - President, Pat Steele (514-369-3473) or the Editor, Don Berry (514-487-3140).

Name	Phone or website	Talent
Sonia Bowman	514-748-5788 Home 514-747-0568 machine	Sign language, speech therapy, lip reading
David Chandler	514-334-7418 ptolemee@autoroute.net	Digital photographic workshop
David Hogg	www.cruiseshipcenters.ca/davidhogg dhogg@cruiseshipcenters.com	Cruise consultant

Articles

REPORT PASSÉ

C.E.E.

Recent excavations in the Montreal area have unearthed a small but interesting collection of educational artifacts that shed considerable light on an important aspect of life in the pre- WWII elementary school. The find consists of a number of pupil "reports", in near-mint condition, issued to a scholar in a Montreal-area school in the 1930s. They provide an unparalleled opportunity to study the school report during what some pedagogical archaeologists contend, was its finest hour.

The samples in the study reveal that, in a concession, perhaps to Depression-era frugality, the identical form - a slim sheet of paper 4" x 8" - was used throughout the elementary grades, a fresh copy being issued each year. Folded, the form fitted snugly into a 4" by 9" manilla envelope bearing only the name of the school and the pupil concerned; an envelope that some irreverent observers have likened to the plain brown wrapper much favoured by folk engaged in more dubious activities.

In the samples studied, the pupil's achievement in grades I and II was expressed exclusively in letter. "A" represented 100%; "B" 89-80%; "C" 79-70%, and "D" below 70%. As a child moved upward through the grades, there was a gradual shift from letter ratings to the underlying per cents; by grade VII, letters had virtually disappeared.

Revealing glimpses of life in school, circa 1930 or so, may be gleaned from these reports. We learn for example, that a good half-century before the now familiar Pedagogical Day had reared its controversial head, the pupil "year" normally varied in length from 185 to 190 days. This "year" was divided into five terms; for the hapless teacher, this meant that, on average, pupil reports had to be issued every second month.

Although the names of no fewer than 13 subjects appear on this all-purpose form, in grade I only reading, writing and general arithmetic - the proverbial "three R's" - were actually assigned marks. Moreover, the reports issued in succeeding grades put into question the widely-held notion that the schools of the era concentrated almost exclusively on the so-called "fundamentals". The grade II report, for instance, included ratings for another four subjects - scripture, "m. and r. arithmetic", English literature (specifically "memory work") and spelling and dictation. "Gym" made a tentative debut in grade III; hygiene, music and nature study made embryonic appearances in grade V. No one having evidently foreseen the possibility that such an extensive menu might be set

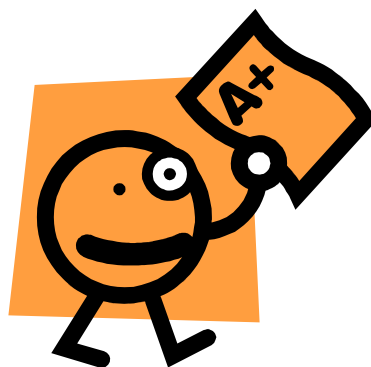
REPORT PASSÉ Cont:

before so innocent an audience, the names of these latter-day disciplines had, perforce, to be added to the report form by hand. By the time pupils reached grades VI and VII the teacher faced the daunting task of evaluating each on up to 16 subjects.

While one cannot generalize from a small sample, the pattern of attendance of the pupil concerned in our informal study is not without interest. In grades I and II, the pupil was absent for $17\frac{1}{2}$ and 15 days respectively, the "cough and cold" months of January and February accounting for almost all the absences. As one might expect, in succeeding years absences became almost negligible; three days in each of grades III and IV, half a day in grade VII.

No doubt the report form in use varied somewhat from Board to Board throughout the Province, but it is probably safe to assume that our sample is reasonably representative of what the average elementary school pupil carried home - if sometimes on "Day of Judgement feet" - 75 years or more ago. A sternly utilitarian document, it was clearly designed to divulge only such information as was deemed absolutely essential to an understanding of the bearer's achievement. Significantly, one notes, on only two of the seven reports in the sample was the teacher emboldened to add even the briefest of comments.

Over the years, few aspects of the school experience have been more often analyzed and dissected than that of pupil evaluation, and from time to time the minions of the Ministry have set themselves the daunting task of designing yet another "improved" report form. Currently, the measurement of "Competence" is said to be the goal. Precisely how this vague concept is to be measured has yet to be revealed, but serving and retired pedagogues alike await the results of these deliberations with eager anticipation.



STREET DEDICATION

Rose Sourkes, B.A.,

There is a new street in Côte Saint Luc, or rather a new avenue. Irving Layton Avenue was inaugurated during a street dedication ceremony which took place on May 6th, 2007.

Mr. Layton spent most of his life in the Montreal area. He was a prolific writer who produced forty books of poetry. After having received numerous awards, and due to his outstanding contribution to Canadian literature, he was nominated for the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1981.

On a more personal note, I met this talented man 7 decades ago, and recall one incident. My cousin and I were in the company of Irving and his nephews. It was summer time and this nephew, in sartorial splendour, was sporting a white flannel suit. Irving was dressed in dark coloured attire. Irving remarked, "I feel like I'm your shadow".

Many years later, as Vice-President of The Canadian Cultural Programs, I had the good fortune to introduce many of the best known authors of Canada to the Quebec Public. Mr. Layton was one of those writers. I recalled his simile to him and assured him that, "he walks in the shadow of no one".

Mr. Irving Layton left this world in January 2006. It did not take the parliamentarians long to acknowledge his extraordinary accomplishments.



This past March I travelled to Vietnam and Cambodia with 15 other people, several of whom are retired educators. It was a trip we will never forget. People ask what the highlights were and it is very hard to answer that because we had so many new and different experiences.



Hanoi in the north, a city of four million, was a culture shock, so different from North American cities. There are few motor vehicles; everyone rides a motorbike or scooter and they constantly blow their horns to let those ahead of them know they're passing. The cacophony is unbelievable with hundreds being on the road at any given time. There are few traffic lights or stop signs so getting across the road is a challenge - they don't stop for anything. We toured the city by bus, by foot and by cyclo, the latter a little hair-raising with all the motorbike traffic. We visited the Temple of Literature, Vietnam's first university established in 1076, situated in a beautiful park-like setting in the heart of Hanoi. Another visit was to the Hoa Lo Prison opened in 1896 by the French government of Indochina where many Vietnamese, agitating for independence, were imprisoned and tortured until the French left in 1954. During the Vietnam War, captured U.S. POWs were kept there from August

11, 1964 to March 28, 1973. They reported that the conditions there were miserable and the food so bad that the prison was sarcastically nicknamed the "Hanoi Hilton".

After two days in Hanoi, we went to Halong Bay, a beautiful body of water studded with spectacular rock outcroppings, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Here we boarded a wooden junk and cruised the bay, sleeping on the junk that night. There are colourful floating fishing villages on Halong Bay. The people are nomadic, moving to wherever the fish are and the floating schools move, too, so that the children won't miss their classes.

Our next stop was Hue (pronounced h'way) where we visited the impressive Imperial Citadel, also a UNESCO World Heritage Site. A boat trip along the Perfume River took us to a beautiful pagoda dating from 1601, one of the many pagodas and temples we visited throughout Vietnam. We spent two nights in Nha Trang, a popular resort area with 10 km of beaches. An interesting tour here was that of the Oceanography Institute where Jacques Cousteau started his career in 1933.

Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon) in the south, is quite different from Hanoi. One young Vietnamese man said Hanoi is more communist and Saigon is more capitalist and it shows - more cars, more huge billboards, etc. Here we were able to go into the jungle and see part of the 200 km Cu Chi tunnel network that the Viet Cong lived in and fought from during the Vietnam War.

A boat trip along the Mekong Delta was fascinating. There is a huge floating market where people sell their wares from their boats - produce, rice, textiles, fish, mangoes, etc. Goods are hung on

tall poles to "advertise" what is being sold. We stopped at one point to see how rice paper is made and then had tea and Vietnamese sweets in a tea room/factory/shop setting - delicious coconut candy, ginger slices, banana candy and I ended up buying six packages (buy five, get one free) to share at home.

The Vietnamese people work very hard and the living conditions for many are poor. They are a very friendly people. Along with the beauty of the country and its many Buddhist temples and pagodas, one of my most lasting images of Vietnam has to be of the hundreds of motorbikes. Whole families travel on them and they are used to transport goods of all types. We even saw one man with a small refrigerator on the back of his bike. Many women wear masks and long gloves so they won't tan - lighter skin is considered to be more attractive. The other image is of the many, many rice fields. Vietnam is second only to Thailand in rice export. What hard work it is, done by primitive methods by our standards. Seedlings are planted, fertilized and picked, all by hand and, prior to planting, the fields are turned over by a cow or water buffalo pulling the plough with the farmer walking behind.

The final phase of our journey was to Siem Reap, Cambodia. We had two and a half days here to visit the astonishing Angkor Archaeological Park, another UNESCO World Heritage Site, which encompasses the ruins of many Buddhist temples dating from the 9th to 13th centuries. There are three levels in each temple representing hell, earth and heaven. To give us an idea of the economy of Cambodia, our guide told us 50% of Cambodians live in hell, 40% on earth, and 10% in heaven. It is a very poor country where education is not compulsory and medical services are not good, according to our guide.

The city of Angkor was sacked by the Thais in 1431 and abandoned in 1432. Legends grew about this mystic city of the gods but it was in 1860 that a French explorer Henri Mouhot brought Angkor to the world's attention. Restoration began in 1908 and continues to this day.

We visited many of the huge temples, including Angkor Wat, and were astounded. These temples were built from huge blocks of sandstone cut from 60 km away and hauled back by elephants. The surface of every stone is carved, with faces (some of them gigantic), figures of people and animals, decorative designs - unbelievably detailed and beautiful. We were in awe and, in spite of the heat and high humidity, we walked and climbed and climbed some more to soak up the history and culture of this nation, an experience that will stay with me forever.

Membership

NEWS FROM MEMBERS

1: Elizabeth Black

I joined the QPARSE in 1988 and have enjoyed receiving the Newsletter for all these years. Thanks to all the retirees who agree to serve on the executive as well as those who serve on the Board of Directors of the Robinson Residence. Please find enclosed a cheque to cover the amount of the increase as well as a little extra.

Correspondence has been received from the following people thanking the Goodwill committee for birthday cards etc:

Margaret Topham, Ellen Stevenson, Elizabeth Stewart, Dorothy MacLean, Louise Hall, Margaret & Jean Laird. A Phone call was received from Herb Jordon who assured us he was still "alive and kicking".

SUPER SENIORS - FALL 2007

The following is a list of our Super Seniors who will be celebrating a birthday in the following months. We wish them all congratulations and good health.

Surname	First Name	Age	Date	Year
Walbridge	Edith	85	October	2007
Little	Hilda	92	October 6th	2007
Martin	Mary	95	November	2007
Brouillet	Elaine	93	November 18 th	2007
McCurdy	Wilbert	93	November 30 th	2007
Hamilton	Lorne	97	December 1st	2007
McConnachie	Bess	94	December 7th	2007
MacLean	Dorothy	91	January 7 th	2008
Miller	Alice	95	January	2008
Cook	Margaret		January 9th	2008
McCabe	Sarah	99	January 31st	2008

NEW MEMBERS

The following members are new to the Association since the Spring 2007 Newsletter and we welcome them to QPARSE. We look forward to meeting you at the Reception for New Members (see page)

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	CITY
Adams	Stephen	Greenfield Park, Quebec
Alexander	Nancy	Burlington, Ontario
Barbieri	Mary	Pierrefonds, QC
Barrie	Janice	Rawdon, Quebec
Bohn	Wendy	Lachine, Quebec
Breck	Kathy	Sherbrooke, QC
Brown	Linda	Huntingdon, Qc
Bryson	Margaret	Beaconsfield, QC
Bulow	Ellen	Huntingdon, Qc
Chirke	Susan	Morin Heights, QC
Colbeck	Tom	Hampstead, Qc
D Souza	Colin	Brossard, QC
Desrochers	Denise	St-Eustache, Qc
Giguere	Ginette	Pointe Claire, QC
Glover	Shelagh	Montreal, QC
Harbert	Peter	Laval, QC
Hayes	Marguerite	Deux Montagnes, QC
Hodgins	Margaret	Shawville, QC
Hopper	Joan	Lachine, Quebec
Hulme	Karen	Montreal, QC
Hus	Yvette	Montreal West, QC
Jones	Janina	Beaconsfield, QC
Koeppe	Helen S.	LaSalle, Qc
Leighton	Stephen	Dollard des Ormeaux, QC
Mackay	Linda	Ste. Catherine de Hatley, QC
Meades	Richard	Pointe Claire, QC
Montreuil	Robert	St-Bernard de Lacolle, Qc
Ostrovsky	Brian	Montreal, QC
Pipe	Gretta	Brossard, QC
Registre-Antoniazzi	Jeanne	Anjou, Qc
Rorison Hanna	JoAnne	Gatineau, Qc
Roth	Howard	Verdun, Qc
Sanchini	Ann	Laval, Qc
Santini	Pamela	Pointe Claire, QC
Sevigny	Kathleen	Montreal, QC
Shearing	John	Matapedia, QC
Simard-Stern	Suzanne	Montreal, Qc

Tarrant
Teoli
Venditti

Barbara
Maria
Rose-Marie

Pointe Claire, QC
Saint Léonard, Qc
St. Leonard, QC

The names of those whose applications were received after September 25th, will be listed in the next newsletter.

NEWSLETTER STRAYS

When a newsletter is returned, we put out a special appeal to our members for information. You are our best source for discovering the reasons for that return. Please check the following list of returned newsletters and send any information to Mrs Robin Narsted, 323 West Acres, Dollard des Ormeaux, QC, H9G 1V2

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	CITY
Brown (Wallace)	Margaret	Cote St. Luc
Dixon	Georgia	Mauilette, NS
Ide	Estelle L.	Ottawa, ON
Mcdougall	M. Phyllis	Ormstown, QC
Pingitore	Pat	Lasalle, QC
Wright	Phyllis	Scarborough, ON

WE REMEMBER

We remember also, the following members of QPARSE who have passed away since the last newsletter. We join with their families and friends in remembrance.

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	CITY
Adams	Eric	Kingston, QC
Brodie	Carrie	Williamstown, ON
Brooke	Frances (Fran)	Ste. Julie, QC
Cameron	William Huntley	Montreal, QC
Cowper	Betty	Cote St. Luc, QC
Guild	Robert	Halifax, NS
McKergow	Laura	Waterloo, QC
North	Elsie	Carleton Place, ON
Poure	Doris	Granby, QC
Shetler	Carol	Dorval, QC
Shields	Murray	Montreal, QC
Tenneson	Geoff	Knowlton, QC

Theobald
Vines
Visser
Wilson

Elsie
Norma Phyllis
John
Marion

Cote St. Luc, QC
Montreal, QC
Thetford Mines, Qc
Stanstead, QC

OBITUARIES

MOSHER, RUSSELL DEAN "RUSS"

RCNVR 1943-1945; A.B. Seaman Torpedo man Corvette - Convoy Service; Director General Education, Chateaugay Valley Regional School Board, Quebec; Deputy Secretary General Canadian Teachers' Federation, Ottawa, Retired March 1984

Peacefully in Ottawa after a long battle with cancer, surrounded by his family, on Sunday, June 17, 2007. Russ Mosher of Kemptville at the age of eighty-three. Loving husband and best friend of Marjorie Mosher (nee Curtis). Loving father of Jim (Carole) of Embrun, Kathy (Barry Laing) of Beamsville, Ontario and Peter (Noreen Hill) of Vernon, Ontario. Proud grandpa of Chris, Eric, Jack and Denise. Russ is predeceased by his four brothers and one sister: Kenneth (Enid), Clarence (the late Ruth), Gordon (Phyllis), Gerald (the late June) and Doris McClay (the late Clarence). Russ will be remembered by many nieces, nephews and friends.

A Memorial Service was held at St. John's United Church, Kemptville on Saturday, June 23RD. Those who wish, may make memorial donations to a charity of their choice.

LAURA BARRIE MCKERGOW

1908-2007

In loving memory of Laura Barrie McKergow who passed away peacefully on April 1st, 2007 in her 99th year. She is survived by one brother, Chester. She is sadly missed by her ten nieces and nephews, as well as their children and grand-children and their friends who all loved "Aunt Laura".

Laura graduated with a degree in Home Economics from MacDonald College of McGill University as a dietician and worked as such in The Royal Canadian Air Force for 20 years. She was squadron leader when she retired in 1960. Her second career was as a Home Economics teacher at Dunton High School in Montreal. She spent her retirement years at the family home, Fairmont, in Waterloo, Quebec where she enjoyed giving family

gatherings and tending her garden. After a stroke in 2005 she lived at the Courville Nursing Home in Waterloo, across the street from her home.

A TRIBUTE TO ESTELLE ILLINGWORTH

by Ida Ripley

On Saturday, May 12, 2007, I made my way to Lachute to join close friends of Estelle Illingworth for her graveside service, conducted by Rev. Audrey Morrison, and with Cannon Horace Baugh in attendance. Estelle had passed away peacefully on February 17 in the Lachute Residence where she lived for several years. A faithful friend, Jean Russell, commented how appropriate it was that we all wore blue that day, the only color I could recall Estelle ever wearing.

After having taught in Northern Canada, and later at the Boys' Farm in Shawbridge, she came to Bancroft School. It was there I met "Miss Illingworth", one of the most memorable teachers I came to know. Living in Ste. Marguerite, she started her day at 4:30 a.m. and commuted to Montreal by bus. A dedicated resource teacher, she welcomed into her small classroom, at the top of the stairs, many a child new to the English language. She packed them in - hadn't the heart to turn any away - and there she unlocked for them the mysteries of the new language and culture. A storyteller and writer of verse, artistically talented and well-trained in her field, she had it all. With a great interest in the background of each child, she endeared them to her one by one.... and year by year ... through the 60's and 70's.

Retirement came, and just as surely Miss Illingworth re-appeared many times at Bancroft. It was to provide help for students in my class needing one-on-one attention. Her arrival would be announced by excited children who spied her in the distance, and ran to join her growing entourage, to offer help carrying her blue bags. They knew, also, that somewhere inside those bags were packets of raisins for everyone. Even the shyest child in the crowd endeavoured to make eye contact with her, just to be acknowledged and greeted by name.

In later retirement, Estelle often recounted tales of her teaching days, still remembering details, including foreign names of students. Her eyes were sparkling, her voice enthusiastic -- as if she were re-living each anecdote! For many years she was confined to a wheelchair, but with this rich inner life, faithful friends, her interest in everyone, her love of nature, and hours devoted to reading, she lived a contented - even joyful life!

I kept in touch with Estelle by phone until she lost her hearing, and then by letter until a stroke paralyzed her right hand, after which the communication was one-way. Always upbeat and practical, she would comment, "I don't know why I never learned to write with my

left hand!" At my last annual visit, Donna Emaleh and I wrote down our side of the conversation; Estelle quickly read it and then responded orally with enthusiasm.

What can I say in conclusion? A unique person has left the scene, a person who could make interesting what seemed common-place, a gifted teacher who gave so much of herself to the many children who were fortunate enough to have entered her circle.

At one point in time, the principal told me that "Miss Illingworth" was the most asked-about of all the retired Bancroft teachers! It did not surprise me.



Robinson Residence News

THE SPRING GARDEN PARTY

Evelyn Baban Lewis

"Oh! What a beautiful morning!, Oh! What a beautiful day!" must have been on everyone's lips at the Spring Tea on Thursday afternoon, June 14th 2007 at the Robinson Residence for Seniors, Cowansville. (See list overleaf for list of attendees).

Although there were many cars from various parts of this lovely province, the arrival of the bus from Montreal set the stage for the party to begin. The weather was perfect, sunny but not too hot and many decided to just enjoy visiting with each other on the lawn as well as sitting under the tent provided.

While enjoying the delicious refreshments provided by the ladies of All Saints Anglican Church, Dunham - Clair's chocolate covered strawberries and cherries were "to die for" and made one wonder how something so great on the lips could be so vicious on the hips. John Barr and some students entertained with toe tapping music. The residents enjoyed visiting with everyone. Mrs Gariepy certainly got pleasure from the baby, brought there by a relative or friend, who also brought smiles to the faces of those around.

Gary and Bev Crandall welcomed all. Other board members present were Peggy Steel, Shirley Westcott, Art Hobbs, Roy Seaman, Ann Belden and Evelyn Lewis. Pat Steele was also there as well as Rev. Sinpoh Han, Rector, Trinity Anglican Church, Cowansville.

Tonia Mucci-Cifarelli, Dollard-des-Ormeaux, had brought one of her beautiful wreaths for a drawing in benefit of the home. The winner was Kayla Sherrer. Tania also brought two wreaths for the home itself - one that can be placed up now and one for the fall. Gary thanked everyone for coming and proceeded to hold other drawings donation by the ladies who catered the event. Kemp Ward won the flower centrepiece, Clare Caesar and Adelaide Lanktree both won flower arrangements.

All good things must come to an end. Too soon it was time for everyone to leave. Among kisses, "good-byes", "See you next year", "keep in touch" people strolled back to either the bus or their cars leaving with an atmosphere of tranquility and fond memories.

Remember that this is a home, where visitors are welcomed any day around 3:00 pm for a cup of hot tea, treats and conversation.

Garden Party Attendees

Shirley Westcott
Bev and Gary Crandall
Dave Melanson
Gail Eddy
Althea & Clare Caesar
Ian Trasler
Rose Sourkes
Mike Moss
Jean Legillow
Pearl & Alston Narick
Liz Bradford
Ken Cooke
Virginia Fowler
Wayne Hall
Angèle Fournier
Norma Sherrer
Kemp Ward
Elaine Evans
Rev. Sinpoh Han
Judy Campbell
Ann & Ron Belden
Betty & Roy Seaman
Adelaide Lanktree
Joan Ebbett
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Sue Eldridge
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Ruth Kokelaere
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Ruth Demer
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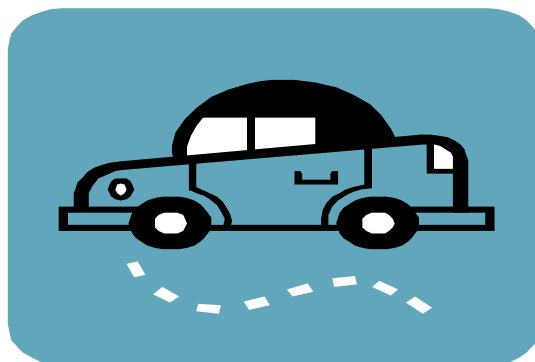
This a true account recorded in the police log of Sarasota, Florida.

An elderly Florida lady did her shopping and, upon returning to her car, found four males in the act of leaving with her vehicle. She dropped her shopping bags and drew her handgun, proceeding to scream at the top of her voice, "I have a gun, and I know how to use it! Get out of the car!" The four men didn't wait for a second invitation. They got out and ran like mad. The lady, somewhat shaken, then proceeded to load her shopping bags into the back of the car and get into the driver's seat. She was so shaken that she could not get her key into the ignition. She tried and tried, and then it dawned on her why. For the same reason she did not understand why there was a football, a Frisbee and two 12-packs in the front seat.

A few minutes later, she found her own car parked four or five spaces further down the parking lot. She loaded her bags into the car and drove to the police station to report her mistake. The sergeant to whom she told the story couldn't stop laughing. He pointed to the other end of the counter, where four pale men were reporting a car jacking by a mad, elderly woman described as white, less than five feet tall, glasses, curly white hair, and carrying a large handgun.

No charges were filed.

Moral of the story? If you're going to have a Senior Moment, make it memorable.



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