

The Queen of Angels Academy Foundation Newsletter

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SPRING 2010



I was asked to share with you my involvement with the Olympic Torch run. I was among the lucky few chosen across Canada to run with the torch. It was one of the most amazing experiences in my life as I shared this honour with the likes of Gretzky, whom I now consider a close friend seeing that we shared the same flame! I am a great supporter of Olympic athletes and the importance of sports in the lives of our children. I believe it is important to support institutions that allow our young children like my daughter who attends Queen of Angels, to aspire. I felt tremendous pride as a Canadian to be part of the 12,000 Canadians that brought the flame from Greece to Vancouver with a torch made by Bombardier! Each torch was assembled here in Quebec and signed in its interior by its maker. As I watched the thousands of high school students cheering me on in my 300 meter stretch on St. John's Rd. in Pointe Claire I realized that the spirit of community and nationalism is strong among our young.



I believe that we need to nurture this sense of community and pride and support our own team of future champions at Queen of Angels. These young ladies are indeed the leaders of our future and with your support, leaders of this beautiful country of ours. Together we can help them continue building the foundations of what makes Canada great. Go Canada!

TRACEY DEER '95

Tracey Deer is a Mohawk filmmaker with multiple credits to her name as a producer, writer and director. She currently resides in Kahnawake, her home reserve in Quebec. Her professional career began with CanWest Broadcasting in Montreal and later joined Rezolution Pictures to co-direct *One More River: The Deal that Split the Cree*, with Neil Diamond (Cree), which won the Best Documentary Award at the 2005 Rendez-vous du cinema québécois in Montreal and was nominated for Best Social/Political Documentary at the Gemini. She next wrote, directed and filmed *Mohawk Girls*, about the lives of three teenagers and herself as a teen growing up in Kahnawake which won the Alanis Obomsawin Best Documentary Award. Her recent documentary, *Club Native*, focuses on the issues of community membership and blood quantum. This was an official selection of *Hot Docs 2008* and won the Colin Law Award for Best Canadian Documentary. She formed Mohawk Princess Pictures in 2006 which produced her first short fiction called *Escape*



Hatch, a dramedy about the romantic misadventures of a Mohawk woman on her quest for love. In the fall of 2009, Tracey teamed up again with Rezolution Pictures to transform her short *Escape Hatch* into a pilot for APTN which is scheduled to air in spring 2010. Currently there are multiple projects in development including a reality show, a health show and a feature documentary on the residential school era. Tracey received a B.A. in film studies from Dartmouth College in 2000 with two awards for excellence. In 2009 she shared the Don Haig Award with colleague Brett Gaylor for overall career achievement as an emerging filmmaker. In 2008, *Playback Magazine* declared her one of the 25 rising stars in the Canadian entertainment industry.



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TOWARDS THE FUTURE

RAFFLE 2010

PRIZES



The QAA Foundation with assistance of the QAA Advancement Office launched a major fund raising campaign the "Towards the Future" raffle, at the QAA Cultural Evening on February 20th, 2010.

The Trustees of the QAA Foundation have undertaken to hold a raffle in order to raise \$100,000.00 towards the Queen of Angels Academy IT project. 5,000 tickets will be sold at \$20 each.

This raffle includes great prizes: a seven night Caribbean Cruise (value \$5,000), \$3,500 cash prize, a 50 inch Plasma TV and a laptop computer! The draw will be held at the QAA 50th Anniversary Celebration's Closing Brunch at the Royal Montreal Golf Club on May 23rd, 2010.

The goal of this campaign is to help achieve the Academy's needs in educational technology; we absolutely need this money to assist the Academy. Towards this end, everyone in the Queen of Angels Academy Community is being asked to help.

To obtain tickets, please contact the QAA Foundation office: Judy Frederick, Foundation Coordinator 514-636-0900 ext. 255 or frederick.j@qaa.qc.ca or Margaret Buzas, Director of Advancement 514-636-0900 ext. 238 or buzas.m@qaa.qc.ca

Principal's Message



On September 14, 2009 the school community remembered September 1959 – in celebration of a loving dedication to high school students for 50 years, and in anticipation of ongoing commitment in the decades to come. Students and staff were joined by parents, retired teachers and longtime Alumnae, by numerous SSAs and friends, the Board of Directors and the

Message from the QAA Foundation Executive

The Queen of Angels Academy Foundation was created in 1991 to:

- Raise funds for student bursaries
- Generate funds for special projects at the Academy
- Raise QAA's public awareness
- Enhance the learning environment for QAA students
- Give back to the community

The QAA Foundation has raised nearly \$180,000 over the last two years, primarily through annual Golf Tournaments and Casino Nights, Corporate Sponsorships, Foundations and Annual Giving.

More importantly, the Foundation has returned close to \$100,000 to QAA, largely in the form of bursaries and scholarships which were awarded to over 50 students in these 2 years.

It is safe to assume that in the absence of the Foundation's efforts, and more importantly, in the absence of the generosity and support of the entire QAA Community, several students would not have enjoyed the opportunity to attend QAA. The QAA Foundation Board of Trustees include alumnae, staff, former staff, parents, former parents and external members completely dedicated to achieving Foundation's objectives.

We are very proud of what has been accomplished and we will continue to do more.

QAA Foundation, and by religious and political dignitaries (Maureen Fitzgerald, Felicia Hastie, Peter Yeomans, Kathleen Weil MNA-Minister of Justice, Rev. Jack Kennedy, Jennifer Van der Wee and Stephanie Thibert, Nadya Kruk). Student artwork brightened the gym as it depicted the campus and interpreted QAA's special moments. Collections began immediately of souvenir items to be placed in a time capsule at the end of the year.

Familiar annual events maintained a golden anniversary tone: the Honour Roll ceremony, the QAA Foundation's Golf Tournament and Casino Night, the family fun "Reaching Up, Reaching Out" Cultural evening,

the upcoming brunch at the Royal Montreal Golf Club, and of course, Convocation 2010.

Souvenir pins marked the moment, but our pride is in each wearer of that pin and all they will accomplish in the days and years to come.

Congratulations, QAA!



The fourth annual Queen of Angels Foundation Golf Tournament took place on Thursday the 24th of September and it was our best yet!

It was held once again at the wonderful Ile Perrot Golf Club with over 100 golfers taking part. It was a fantastic day, the weather cooperated beautifully (thank you Sister Joanne) and a record amount of money was raised. The net income to the Foundation was \$36,295.55, with another \$2500 donated to the West Island Palliative Care Residence.

The money was raised in a variety of ways including major sponsorship which accounted for a large amount of the money raised (\$20,250). There were also many prizes generously donated for live and silent auction, and a raffle. The prizes included Canadiens hockey tickets, autographed sports memorabilia, watches and much more.

The live auction was presided over by Q92 radio host Larry Day. Some of the other notables enjoying the day were Andrew Carter from CJAD, Andrew Peglowski formerly from Global TV, and Steve Patterson, comedian and host of CBC Radio's "The Debaters".

The Foundation was also very lucky to have as its Honorary Chairman Sal Rivera, President of Arborite (see article on page 1). Sal worked tirelessly to promote and raise funds for the golf tournament and the Foundation. Mr. Rivera also took part in the Vancouver Olympics Torch Relay this winter here in Montreal. Bravo Sal!

The golf tournament organization is already gearing up for another spectacular event this September. Pencil Thursday September 23rd in on your calendar now. And remember this year it will be, "FIVE!"

CASINO NIGHT

SOLID GOLD

See you in 2010!



The QAA Foundation's annual Casino Night was held November 21, 2009 and the evening was a great success.

Queen of Angels Academy is in the midst of celebrating its 50th anniversary and, with that in mind, the theme was "Solid Gold" and all attending were asked to wear something gold. Our MC for the evening was Mr. Larry Day, who did a superb job in getting people excited about the evening and making sure everyone had a good time throughout the night.

Many tried their luck at the gaming tables, which included Blackjack, Poker, Texas Hold'em, and Slot Machines. Again this year the silent auction bidding continued down to the last moment and people went home with lovely items. Balloon madness and the raffle gave lucky participants the chance to win some great prizes. The live auction, with our MC Larry Day as auctioneer, was very lively and bidding was great. The buffet was very tasty and seconds was a must.

The Foundation would like to take this opportunity to thank all our sponsors, those who made donations and all who attended – you helped make it a fun and successful evening.

We would also like to express our appreciation to all the volunteers. They worked tirelessly behind the scenes making sure that everything was up and running when the doors opened and that things went smoothly during the event.

Finally, but no less importantly a huge thank you to the 2009 Casino Night Organizing Committee: Fiorella Trinchini, Margaret Buzas, Mandie Montour, George Saplywyj, and Judy Frederick – a great team who produced a great event.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW ?



Maggie Sencion '67

After working for a major airline in the sales department, she is now retired and helps her husband who is a mechanical engineer/contractor with his office work. She also enjoys her five grandchildren whose ages range between 17 and 5.

Anmarie Pearson '79

Married Janet Mitchell, an old acquaintance and new love on October 10th 2009. The honeymoon was a week of golfing and hiking in the eastern townships.



Debbie Dossantos '84

After practicing nursing for 10 years, she returned to school and received a law degree. Currently runs her own practice in Kincardine, Ontario and has two sons aged 16 and 20.

Erika Makauskas '03

Currently lives in Kelowna, BC since the summer of 2006. The area is one of the only deserts in Canada. The summers are full of sun and barely have more than two days of snow all winter. Now works as a Branch Administrator at Urban Systems Ltd. and takes classes at night to complete a Medical Office Assistant program.

Amina Kreps '06

Currently in the Honours Biochemistry Co-op program in Concordia. Now on a work term at PerkinElmer, a biosignalling company in Montreal and absolutely loves it!

JoAnn Patenaude '73

President of a Communication firm for over 15 years which includes advertising, public relations and a new web section. Loves to travel, golf and teach skiing every weekend in the winter.

Jodie Lennon '89

Received a bachelor from McGill in elementary education and then worked in the daycare field as both an educator and director for many years. Recently received a



Chartered Real Estate Agent license and practices real estate in the West Island and off the Island where she currently lives in Pincourt. She has three children aged 7, 11, and 13.

Joanne Thurber '70

Lives in Rochester Michigan and works as a public health nurse in Oakland County. She has two sons now in their 20's. The photo was taken at a Green Bay Packer game in October when she spotted this fellow.



Laura Lewis '91

After 11 years of working in a corporate environment, she has started her own company called LL Consulting that specializes in coaching and leadership development. Her website is www.llconsultingservices.ca.



She works from home and can now spend more time with her two daughters Evelyn (5) and Rose (2).



GRADS IN HIGHLIGHT

Alyssa McGuigan '07

After completing a DEC in Sciences at John Abbott College, she is currently attending university in New York City, studying for a BA in Theatre Arts with a Minor in

Musical at Marymount Manhattan College with the dream of one day being a Broadway performer. On Thursday July 23rd, 2009, she had an amazing opportunity to sing the Canadian national anthem for over 20 000 people at the Montreal Alouettes' game. The performance can be seen on her website: www.alyssamcguigan.com.

Joanna Broccolini '04

On October 18th, 2009, she participated in the Nike Women's Marathon to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of Canada for which she raised 17 450,00\$ and was the top Canadian fundraiser! All the funds go directly to treatment and patient services here in Canada.

Running 42.2 km along side 25 000 runners was the easiest part of this challenge, listening to survivors tell their stories was the most difficult part for her. The people that she met through this challenge have inspired and changed her life!



Sarah Sokol '09

Currently in grade twelve at Canterbury School in New Milford Connecticut. She began the year managing the Varsity football team, training everyday in the gym, lifting weights and running a couple of miles a day to prepare for the hockey season. Hard work is what has led her to the U.S.A. and thus has given her this great opportunity. She balances sports with the academics and works extremely hard in order to make the Headmaster's list. She is Captain of the hockey team and also a Proctor in the dorm Duffy House. She is a student leader amongst the boarding students and there to help out the other girls in the dorm with whatever they need. She misses the QAA community and will never forget the wonderful experiences and friends that she has made while attending Queen of Angels.



Let's Keep In Touch

WOULD YOU LIKE TO...

- ▶ *inspire our current students with news of your accomplishments since graduation from QAA?*
- ▶ *share how a teacher's guidance helped you in CEGEP or university?*
- ▶ *find out what is new at the Academy?*

DO YOU...

- ▶ *need help in organizing your class reunion?*

NetDirectories can help us keep better in touch. Send us your e-mail addresses! Simply visit the QAA website at www.qaa.qc.ca and go to **Alumnae/Alumnae Directory** to fill the form provided. We would love to hear from you.

QAA ACHIEVEMENTS

As a project, the media class was asked to create a public service announcement against racism to enter in this year's **Racism, Stop it!** Competition held by the Canadian government. All four of the videos sent were chosen as finalists for the **PUBLIC CHOICE AWARD**.

The 2008-2009 **Mosaic** has earned a rating of **EXCELLENT** (second highest rating) in the National Council of Teachers of English Program to Recognize Excellence in Student Literary Magazines. Of the 6 schools recognized in the Excellent category, we were the only one from Quebec! This is a real honor for the school and we must applaud the editors Jenna Hotten (Grad 2009) and Tamara Lavoie (5B) for their hard work!

March was a busy month here at QAA with not only the bloom of Spring and the

arrival of (somewhat!) warmer weather, but also with the warmth of hearts united for Haiti for this year's **Lenten Project**. Together, with over 35 different fund raising events (and counting!) we have managed to raise in excess of \$9000 for our Sisters of Saint Anne in Haiti who are working diligently and in very difficult conditions, to rebuild the lives of those who have lost everything in the earthquake. Our "Hearts for Haiti" project is just another example of how the girls of QAA are continually striving to make a difference in the lives of others, both locally and on a global scale.

Queen of Angels Academy is delighted to announce that their students won 3 Gold, 4 Silver and 2 Bronze medals at the **Montreal Regional Science & Technology Fair (MRSTF)**.

For more information, go to www.qaa.qc.ca

OBITUARIES

Sister Anita Dollard, SSA (1928-2010)

Sister Anita died peacefully at the Centre Hospitalier in Lachine, Quebec on February 4th 2010. She was born in Fitchburg, MA, the youngest of nine children. She was at Queen of Angels Academy, the Director of Finances and the Director of Maintenance. She was a woman of many talents that included: educator, accountant, artist, dental hygienist, carpenter, electrician and good friend.



Margaret Gordon (1932-2009)

Margaret died peacefully on May 20th, 2009 at the Montreal Heart Institute. She was born in Lachine, Quebec of Scottish-born parents. She was a well-loved and respected teacher. She arrived at QAA in 1971 where she taught until she officially retired in 1990.

Maureen Moore

The community of Queen of Angels Academy was saddened by the passing of Maureen Moore last June after a brave fight with lung cancer. She taught Mathematics and was the Department Head from 1989 to her retirement in 2004. She was a source of support and guidance to her fellow teachers and her students.



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Babies



Erica Tough '98



Olivia

December 15th
7 lbs 11 oz

Lynn Rizzuto '93



David Joseph

September 29th
6 lbs 10 oz

Marie-Claude Cardinal '95



James

October 27th
8 lbs 5 oz

Jennifer Colantonio '99



Bailey Carter

March 29th

Laurie Musgrave '93



Cheryl Burtles '96

Maximus Tyle

January 11



Nicolas & Zachary

December 16th
Nicolas: 6 lbs 9 oz
Zachary: 6 lbs 1 oz



Julie Mergl '94

Frederick Andrew

February 6th
7 lbs 10 oz