

MARGARET CRAIG : 1911 - 1994

Margaret CRAIG graduated from GCVI in 1930. While a student, she served as Associate Editor of Acta Nostra; and Vice President (1928) of the Literary Society. She was the first winner of the James Davison Scholarship for Mathematics (1930) before leaving for Queen's University. Graduating from Queen's in 1945, she maintained an abiding love for and interest in the university where she made lasting friendships.

As a teacher, Ms Craig spent her entire career in Guelph schools. She taught grade one at Central Public School and later, after many art courses, she became teacher to generations of art students at King George School. She loved her art. Ms Craig was also very interested in people and had a wealth of friends. She was a devoted daughter during her parents' lifetime, and a caring person to students, neighbours, and friends. Her care extended to many good causes, such as:

- the Chancel Guild at St. George's, where she created a hanging for the altar
- the Guelph Creative Arts Association: Ms Craig was one of the "Group of Nine Women Artists" of Guelph and was involved in the Royal Bank displays of their work
- the Artisan Shop of the Eaton's Centre, Guelph
- the St. James Stilebery Group
- the MacDonald-Stewart Art Centre
- the University Women's Club

Ms Craig loved to travel, but in later years her trips were restricted to such places as the Forks of the Credit, Rockwood, and the local countryside where she did her sketching. At home, her lovely garden and trees meant much to her. Bird feeders just outside her windows gave her much pleasure and provided inspiration for her art. After her death, her large collection of art provided inspiration for her art book was donated to the GCVI library as a fitting tribute to her life's work.

Jessie Reid
March 1994

Arthur William Cutten : 1870 - 1936

If you were to create a list of people who have contributed a great deal to Guelph's reputation as one of the best cities in Ontario, Arthur William Cutten's name would surely be there. Most Guelphites know the Cutten name because of the Cutten Club, which he founded in 1931, but only a few know the real story of this Guelph native.

Arthur William Cutten was born on July 6, 1870. He lived a normal life on a small farm with his parents, Annie MacFadden and Walter Hoyt Cutten, and his seven younger siblings. In his youth, Cutten attended the local public school, and then the Guelph Collegiate, during which time it is said that he enjoyed playing most sports.

Cutten left Guelph for Chicago at the age of 17, and quickly found a job working as a bookkeeper for a brokerage firm in Chicago. He worked there for fourteen years, during which time he wisely saved and invested his money in the wheat industry. His investments produced excellent results because of the beginning of a boom in the wheat industry. He benefitted greatly from this event, but this was just the beginning of a pattern that repeated itself throughout his life. In 1906, Cutten bought a seat on the Chicago Board of Trade, and that same year he married his love, Maude Boomer. By the age of 36 Cutten was a millionaire and a well-respected person. He was given memberships to the most exclusive clubs and was invited to all social gatherings, but he and his wife preferred to spend their spare time together on their farm on the outskirts of Chicago. Even though he was now wealthy beyond belief, Arthur Cutten never forgot his roots. He was responsible for the construction of a number of important structures around Guelph. Some of his contributions included funding for the Cutten Club Golf Course, the carillon and the organ in St. George's Church, and the erection of the iron fence around Woodlawn Cemetery. He donated money to many local charities and had plans to fund other developments, but these were never realized because of losses he suffered in the stock market crash in October of 1929.

Arthur Cutten died at the age of 66, and was buried in Woodlawn Cemetery. By those who knew him during his life, Arthur William Cutten will always be remembered for his generosity and dedication.

Daniel J. Bough
May 1996

TERRY DOYLE : 1933 - 2005

What is the best part about being an actor? According to professional actor, Terry Doyle, it is giving people pleasure. Terry Doyle was born in Guelph on June 29, 1933. He attended the GCVI from grades 9 to 11. He enjoyed geography, English, and physical education, and was involved in Acta Nostra and various dance committees. After high school he worked in sales and accounting, and eventually opened his own employment agency, Doyle Personnel Limited.

In 1956 he began acting with the Guelph Little Theatre (GLT) after being told he was too shy. Doyle met his wife, Joyce Murphy, during the play, My Sister Eileen, in 1959. In 1966 Doyle played the lead role in GLT's production of The Broken Jug and was nominated for best actor. During the mid 1970's he acted in his first film, Recommendation for Mercy, and by 1980 he had decided he wanted to have a career in acting. During the years 1980, 1981, and 1986, he acted in the production Anne of Green Gables. He performed over 300 performances in Prince Edward Island and across Canada.

Even though Doyle has acted in several commercials for products such as Ford, Zest, and Cheeze-Whiz, and has been in TV sitcoms and movies, he prefers acting in plays and musicals. He enjoys acting in front of a live audience because he likes getting an immediate response.

In June 1995, while playing the role of Polly's father in Crazy for You, he was asked to audition for the part of Maurice in Beauty and the Beast. He got the part and has performed in over 325 shows to date. After his contract ends in December 1996, Doyle hopes to perform this same role with the cast in London, England.

Terry Doyle has two sons, Michael and David, and four grandchildren. When he dies, Doyle would like people to remember that "when he lived, he lived".

Julie Fischer
Sarah Fisher
May 1996
R.N.E.P

GEORGE ALEXANDER DREW : 1894 - 1973

George Alexander Drew was born in Guelph on May 7, 1894, and was the first of five children of John J. Drew and Annie I. S. Gibbs. He attended Central Public School, as well as the GCVI and graduated 9th in his class in 1909. After high school, Drew attended Upper Canada College where he participated in the choir. He was also a member of the glee, debating, rugby and cross country clubs. After two years, he entered an arts program at the University of Toronto. In 1918, he was admitted to Osgoode Hall Law School where he completed an annual term.

During World War I, Drew dedicated several years to the Canadian Army, serving as a Lieutenant in the 4th brigade, Canadian Artillery. After being severely wounded, he returned to Guelph, was promoted to Captain, and commanded the 64th Depot Battery. In 1921, he became Provisional Major of Guelph's 16th Battery.

At the age of 30 in 1924, Drew was elected Guelph's youngest mayor. In 1926, after serving a single year term, he left Guelph to continue his political career. He was Master of the Supreme Court in 1929, and from 1931 to 1934 he was Chair of Ontario's Security Commissions. He became leader of the Ontario Progressive Conservative Party in 1938, and led his party to victory in the provincial election in 1943. He resigned as Premier five years later, and became the leader of the federal Progressive Conservative Party. For the next eight years, Drew served as the Official Leader of the Opposition. In 1957 he was appointed Canadian Ambassador to London, England.

In 1936, Drew married Fiorenza Johnson, daughter of Edward Johnson, another famous graduate of the GCVI. They had one son and one daughter.

George Drew lived a long and productive life and died January 4, 1973.

Sophie Sibley
May 1996
LN

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE JAMES M. FARLEY : 1870 - 1936

James Farley was an honours student who actively participated in many extra-curricular activities. He captained the football team and was awarded the Durrant Cane, the most prestigious award given to a male graduate.

He studied at the University of Toronto and at The University of Western Ontario, graduating with honours as an economics major and winning a coveted Rhodes Scholarship to the famed Oxford University in England. There he earned a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts in Jurisprudence.

Following a successful law career in Toronto, he was appointed a Justice of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice for the Toronto region and he continues to preside over cases. Though a commercial law specialist, The Honourable Mr. Justice James Farley also takes criminal cases, sits in Divisional Court and as an ad hoc judge in the Court of Appeal. In addition, as an internationally recognized authority on commercial law and insolvency, he fulfills many important lecture engagements and advisory roles around the world each year.

He enjoys leisure activities, including golf and spending time with his own family. He feels that he became a judge so he would be able to give something back to the communities which gave so much to him. He has accomplished many of his ambitions, but still has many left for the future.

Alex Yurkiewich
Karim Koorjee
June 2000
SV

BETH GOOBIE

Beth Goobie, author, poet, and playwright, was born in Guelph and attended the GCVI from 1974 to 1978. She was very involved in school activities including drama, Christians Alive, the Library Club, and the Concert, Intermediate, and Stage Bands in which she played the clarinet and the piano. She was the first girl ever to join the Chess Club. She maintained a high academic standing throughout her years at the school.

In 1983 she received a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature from the University of Winnipeg and a gold medal for the General English Program. At the same time she finished her Bachelor of Religious Studies from the Mennonite Brethren Bible College, also in Winnipeg.

Ms. Goobie has had many poems and stories published in literary magazines across the country. Her first book of poetry, *Scars of Light*, won the Pat Lowther Award in 1995 for the best book of poetry by a Canadian woman and was short-listed for the Gerald Lampert Award. Her poems have also won a number of awards singly in long poem and prose poem competitions. Her moving first novel, *Mission Impossible*, was published in 1994 and won the R. Ross Annet Award for Children's Literature a year later. It was also short-listed for the prestigious Governor-General's Award for Children's Literature in 1995. *Mission Impossible* is set at the GCVI.

Besides these accomplishments which have earned her such an impressive list of awards, Ms. Goobie has done commissioned work for both stage and film. She is also well acquainted with CBC radio, as her radio plays and poems have often been broadcast to listeners around the country.

Beth Goobie has made, and will continue to make, a valuable contribution to the arts in Canada.

Heather Welland
May 1996

THE HONOURABLE HUGH GUTHRIE, K.C., M.P. : 1866 - 1939

It is no exaggeration when people say that Hugh Guthrie was a "chip off the old block". Like his father, Hugh spent a lifetime in politics and law, attending Osgoode Hall after graduating from GCVI. He was partner in the Guelph law firm, Guthrie and Guthrie.

In 1900, at age 34, Hugh Guthrie first entered the House of Commons in the Liberal Government of Sir Wilfred Laurier. He represented the riding of Wellington South. After seventeen years in parliament, Mr. Guthrie made history when he spoke out against his party. This speech ended his career as a Liberal, but soon afterwards he joined the Tory opposition party and remained with them for seventeen years.

During his thirty years in parliament, Guthrie twice represented Canada abroad. He served as Chief Commissioner and member of the board of Railway Commission (1935-1939), as Solicitor-General of Canada, Minister of Militia and Defence, Minister of Justice (1930-1935), and Attorney-General of Canada.

Hugh Guthrie, K.C., M.P. was interviewed by David Root of Acta Nostra in 1931. He referred to Guthrie's life as one of "sacrifice with little appreciation in return". He then concluded with an appropriate ending: "In public life, as well as private he has always proved himself a gentleman."

Katie Howse
May 1993
L.P

ALFRED DRYDEN HALES : 1909 - 1998

A dynamic leader who was proud of his heritage, Alfred Dryden Hales served both family and community tirelessly over the years. Born on November 22, 1909, Alf Hales was raised in a strict, religious and loving household. As a child he attended the Macdonald Consolidated School, now the Macdonald-Stewart Art Centre. In his teenage years he attended the GCVI where he enjoyed sports, social events and academics. He was active in Students' Council and also was a member of "the Greys", a group whose original members still meet every two years to reminisce. After graduating with a Bachelor of Scientific Agriculture Degree from the Ontario Agricultural College, now part of the University of Guelph, he worked in Toronto with the Swift Canadian Company, and soon became manager of the small stock division. During that time he also played for the Toronto Argonauts. Returning to Guelph, Alf Hales married the girl he had met at MacDonald Hall, Mary Graham. He eventually took over the family meat business in 1944 and was very successful. In 1953 he entered politics as a Progressive Conservative and went on to become the longest serving MP under a single party since Confederation. He served from 1957 to 1974. Active and well liked, Alf Hales was a strong supporter and leader in many community groups and events. These included the Kiwanis Club, the YMCA, the Grand Valley Conservation Foundation, the Guelph Italian-Canadian Club, the Guelph Police Commission, the Guelph Prayer Breakfast Group, the Ontario Veterinary Council, the Colonel John McCrae Society and House Committee, and many other groups. After retirement, Alf Hales was still active within the community, doing work for the Cancer Society, Meals on Wheels, the Guelph Historical Society and many others including many of the groups he joined before retiring. Alf Hales received numerous awards including the Red Cross Certificate of Merit, a "50" year Kiwanis Plaque, the Guelph Kiwanis Club Mel Osborne Fellowship, and a Paul Harris Fellow of Rotary award, the highest award given. He was also inducted into the University of Guelph Sports Hall of Fame. At the age of 89 Alf died on Saturday, February 28, 1998.

Alfred Dryden Hales was a tireless community worker whose contributions and drive were an inspiration to all of us.

Tania van Spyk
May 1996
T.P.

WILLIAM ERNEST HAMILTON : 1902 - 1985

William Hamilton was born on March 15, 1902, in Guelph and attended Guelph Schools: Central, King Edward, and the GCVI. He began his studies at the GCVI in 1915, when he was 13 years old. His extra-curricular activities were mainly sports: football, basketball and baseball. He graduated from the GCVI in 1920.

After graduation, Hamilton went to work at the Bank of Commerce, and then accepted a job in sales at the Guelph Soap Co. Later he attended the Ontario Agricultural College (OAC) in Guelph, and took over his father's Sun Life Insurance Company after his death. In 1926 Hamilton became the secretary of the Guelph Association, and at the same time became secretary of the Guelph Canadian Club. On June 30, 1928 he married Jean Irene Clark, and together they had five children.

At the age of 22 he became a member of the YMCA board of directors, and its president in 1929-1930. In 1934 he became chair of the House Improvement Loan plan, and the following year was the campaign chair of the Boy Scouts' financial appeal. From 1935 to 1936 he organized the Wellington County Advanced Registry Yorkshire Breeder's Association, and along with Hugh Guthrie, established Hamilton-Guthrie Farms. He also served as president of the Guelph Curling Club from 1937 to 1938, served on the Guelph Board of Trade (Chamber of Commerce), and was elected its president for two years.

In 1939 Hamilton was an organizer and campaign chair of the \$30,000 Red Cross wartime appeal. The same year he organized the war savings campaign in homes, stores and factories throughout Guelph. He also organized the Community Chest group which coordinated the major charities in Guelph. In 1942 Hamilton joined the 63rd reserve battery as a lieutenant and gunner.

In 1949 Hamilton joined the Conservative Party Cabinet, and in 1953 he was elected to the board of directors of Homewood Sanitarium, later becoming president. In May of 1955, Hamilton accepted an invitation to become the first vice-chair of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario. He was also sworn in as Minister of Reform Institutions and a member of the Treasury Board. In 1961 he was elected mayor of Guelph. After his term as mayor, he served as chair of the planning

committee of the Board of Governors of the University of Guelph from 1964 to 1974. He also served as a member of the Grand River Conservation Authority from 1969 to 1972.

William Ernest Hamilton died on June 8, 1985 at his home in Guelph. Hamilton received the title "Mr. Guelph" for his service to the city in politics, and in community affairs. W. E. Hamilton Park and a wing of the Homewood Sanitarium were named after him for his outstanding contributions to Guelph and to Canadian society.

Jeff Haines
May 1996

JOHN ROE (JACK) HANNA : 1937 –

John Roe (Jack) Hanna attended Guelph Collegiate-Vocational Institute from 1950 – 1955. His favourite subject was math and he was involved in the Student Council and the Drama Club. Jack earned his Bachelor of Commerce at McMaster University and was awarded the Hurd Medal for his outstanding achievement in an Honours Accounting program. Later he acquired an M.B.A. and a Ph.D. at the University of Michigan.

ack had a remarkable career as a university professor, researcher, administrator, consultant and chartered accountant. He taught at McMaster University, and was a visiting professor at the University of Nairobi (Kenya) and the Curtin University of Technology (Perth, Australia). He also worked at the University of Waterloo from 1980 until his retirement.

Jack established the School Of Accountancy at the University of Waterloo, where he was the founding director, first chair of accounting, and director of the Centre for Accounting Research and Education. He co-authored Core Concepts Of Accounting Information, a textbook now used in a number of Canadian universities.

Jack has been honoured with many awards. These include the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario's Award of Outstanding Merit in 1996, and the Canadian Academic Accounting Association's L.S. Rosen Award in recognition of outstanding contributions to Canadian Accounting Education. In 1997 he was elected by the University of Waterloo Senate as Distinguished Professor Emeritus.

A person of many interests, Jack is an avid bird watcher and has seen over 3500 species. He also loves to travel and has been to over 100 countries. Jack is enthusiastic about baseball (he is a fan of the New York Yankees) and he runs a web site about his favourite singing group, The Ink Spots.

He and his wife, Cathy (née Craik), also a graduate of GCVI, have seven children. Jack and Cathy's humanitarian spirit prompted them to pay for the education of a family in Africa and to take foster children into their home.

Jack credits his successful career to his own hard work and the help of all the people whom he has met along the way, especially his wife. "I feel very fortunate to have worked with so many great people," he says. "Nobody can do it on his own."

Kristina MacPhee
June, 2003
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CHRISTINA E. HILL M.D., F.R.C.S.

Voted "most intelligent GCVI graduating student" in 1963, Christina Hill also maintained an active extra-curricular schedule. She participated in the Drama Club, Actra Nostra, Student Council, the school store and volleyball and basketball. Throughout, she maintained high academic standing as the top student in grades 10 and 12 (F.A. Hamilton Scholarship) and was on the grade 13 honour roll. When she graduated, she was awarded the Medical Alumni Scholarship from the University of Toronto, the Carter Scholarship for the Government of Ontario, an Ontario Government Scholarship, the Victoria-Guelph Chapter I.O.D.E. Scholarship, and the James Davison Scholarship.

After she graduated from the University of Toronto in medicine (1969), Dr. Hill became the first female specialist in urology. She was former president of the Federation of Medical Women in Canada and the Ottawa Academy of Medicine (1989). Dr. Hill passed away in 2004.

Emily Waterston
May 1993

JAMES JEROME HILL : 1838 - 1916

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At the age of 18, Hill left work and school in Guelph to go to St. Paul, Minnesota, seeking fortune in the American East. He found work at the Dubuque Packet Co., working on steamships. For over seven years he worked his way through jobs at railway firms, eventually founding the James J. Hill Co. which owned both St. Paul railway and a small steamship line. His fortune quickly grew.

After taking ownership of the railway system around Saint Paul, Hill took a job with the Great Northern Railway, joining such industry names as J.P. Morgan and Cornelious Van Horne (who later became his bitter rival). Together, these men worked on expanding the railway westward, a very difficult task.

Also known as a very wealthy man, Hill had some expensive tastes. He vacationed on Jekyll Island, Georgia, owned at least five estates, and had a vast art collection. He was also a lover of books, and fully funded St. Paul's first public library. These luxuries were a far cry from the hard work of the farm life that he had left behind.

As one of his numerous contributions to the prosperity of the United States of America, Hill made the barren prairies of the Mid-West arable by experimenting with irrigation methods. He also delivered motivational talks to farmers and helped them to create a very rich agricultural area along the railway.

By the time of Hill's death in 1916, the railway had expanded all the way to Puget Sound, Oregon and stretched across almost the entire country. Industries popped up all along this stretch, and American times seemed better than ever. One of Hill's greatest accomplishments was that the railroad he created never went bankrupt, which was certainly not true for the other railroads of the time.

Evan Gordon
May 1996
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EDWARD JOHNSON : 1878 - 1959

Edward Johnson was born August 22, 1878 in Guelph, Ontario. He became one of the most successful tenors of his time. At an early age, Mr. Johnson became used to success, and his musical talent was recognized when he was only seven years old. In 1885, following his father's Exhibition Park band performance, Johnson was heard mimicking another tenor and he impressed friends and family enough to be taken seriously. Soon after, he received vocal training from choir conductors in churches.

While he was a student at GCVI from 1894 to 1898, he was captain of both soccer and hockey teams. The silver cup he won for Indian Club Swinging (1895) is on display in the GCVI Archives. He believed that physical fitness was important for his career in music. Edward Johnson continued to sing with small shows and bands in the Guelph area. His musical career eventually led him to London, England where he sang with Winnipeg contralto, Edith Miller. He received high praise from critics and it was suggested he continue his career in New York City.

At age twenty-one, Mr. Johnson sang at the Metropolitan Opera in New York City. His fame spread quickly and he took vocal training in Italy under the great master, Vincent Lambardi. Johnson had a long and successful career as the most acclaimed tenor of his time in both Europe and North America. Later, he became manager of the Metropolitan Opera. Edward Johnson died on April 20, 1959 in Guelph, at age 80. The Edward Johnson Music Foundation is an enduring legacy to Guelph and Canada.

Richard Woodward
May 1993
MP

JEAN LITTLE : 1932-

Internationally renown author, Jean Little, was born in Taiwan in 1932, the daughter of Canadian missionary doctors. From birth, the corneas on her eyes were scarred, creating a wall between her and the outside world and setting her apart from her peers. But in spite of her handicap, Jean did not feel sorry for herself or think of her condition as disastrous. She maintained

an optimistic and determined attitude which helped her through difficult times. Her limited vision progressively deteriorated to the point that she became legally blind, and she now uses a seeing eye dog and a talking computer.

Jean's love of reading and writing was apparent at an early age. She recalls that her vision sometimes made things difficult, but never impossible. As a child, she used to hold books right up to her nose, and get black ink smudges on her face. Jean Little attended GCVI from 1946 to 1951. Her favourite subject was English, and she despised Home Economics. She recalls that at the Graduation Dance assembly, one of the most enchanted evenings of her life, she was captivated by a poetry reading by author Wilson McDonald. After graduation, Ms Little went on to attend Victoria College, University of Toronto. At age sixteen, Ms Little's first piece of writing entitled December Twilight was published in Saturday Night magazine. Her second piece of published writing was the novel titled, Mine for Keeps, which won the Little Brown Canadian Childrens' Book Contest.

Ms Little recalls her early teaching experiences with handicapped children as one of the reasons for writing books that do not give children miracle cures for their problems. Instead, her books celebrate all aspects of life, and provide happy and realistic endings.

Jean Little has written over twenty books and is the winner of numerous publishing awards, as well as the Order of Canada for her significant contribution to society, and an honorary Doctor of Letters (University of Guelph, 1990). In September 1991, a new elementary school in Guelph was named after her.

Joanna Cockerline
May 1993
SK

KENNETH MACALISTER : 1914 – 1944

Kenneth Macalister was born on July 19, 1914 and attended GCVI from September 1928 until June 1933. He was active in extra-curricular activities ranging from rugby to the Literary Society. He was said to be popular and athletic. He graduated from GCVI and moved on to study law at the University of Toronto where he won many prizes and awards in undergraduate studies. He was elected to Students' Council by his peers and became President in his senior year. He won one of two Rhodes scholarships and enrolled at Oxford University in September 1937 to continue his studies. He graduated first in a class of 142 students. His scholarship was renewed in 1939 and he went to the Institute of Corporate Law in Paris. It was there that he met his wife, Jeanine Lucas, and volunteered for the army. He was not accepted because of poor vision and he returned to his studies at Oxford. He would never see his wife again, although she later gave birth to a child who died. He again stood first in his class at Oxford and won a Certificate of Honour in his final Bar exams in 1940.

The same year, Macalister was admitted to field security by the British. He did various security jobs in the UK from 1940 to 1943, and became a sergeant in the intelligence corps, volunteering for the secret service. Macalister eventually teamed up with Captain Frank Pickersgill. Both were briefed to take charge of a particular region of France to organize a resistance, and to maintain contact with headquarters in Britain. At this time Macalister attained the rank of lieutenant.

Macalister and Pickersgill were parachuted into France on the night of June 15, 1943. Unknown to them, the network they were working for had already been compromised by the Nazis and the two were captured by the Gestapo. They were imprisoned at Fresnes in France. Macalister was promoted to the rank of Captain in April of 1944 while he was in prison. Macalister and Pickersgill were evacuated from Paris in 1944 and sent to Buchenwald, one of the worst concentration camps. They were kept in a special compound with 37 other allied officers. There was no room to even sit down. They were tortured by half a dozen men, then hung on meat hooks cemented into a wall with piano wire around their necks. They suffered a slow strangulation, as they cried, "Long live France, long live England, long live Canada."

Ken Macalister was a hero who suffered horrible torture, but never told his secrets. He is remembered and missed.

Katrina Blatherwick
Kelly Sheehan

ANDREW MACDONALD : 1958 - Present

Andrew MacDonald was born in Guelph in 1958. He was the third of five children born to Donald and Elaine MacDonald. He attended the GCVI from September 1972 until January 1977. While at the GCVI he was a member of the Theatre Arts Program, the Music Club, and the Concert Band. During his years at GCVI, MacDonald learned to play the French horn, and he still writes music for it. After graduating as an Ontario Scholar, he attended the University of Western Ontario where, in 1981, he received a Bachelor's degree in Music with honours in guitar performance. In 1982, MacDonald completed his

Master's degree in Music, and in 1985, he received the Doctor of Musical Arts in Composition, both at the University of Michigan, where he was a multiple scholarship recipient. After that, MacDonald returned to Canada.

MacDonald's first teaching position was at Brandon University in Manitoba. The following year he taught music theory at Wilfred Laurier University. MacDonald's present position is Professor of Composition and Music Theory and Department Chair at Bishop's University in Lennoxville, Quebec.

While MacDonald has won many awards, perhaps his greatest achievement took place on March 10, 1996 when he won the Juno Award for Best Classical Composition for his Violin Concerto, op 22. He also won the grand prize at the 1994 Alienor Harpsichord Composition Competition in Atlanta, and first prize in the 1997 Fifth Annual International Clarinet Association Composition Competition.

In both 1982 and 1983, MacDonald was the recipient of the Floyd S. Chalmers Fund Award. In 1984 MacDonald won the Gold Sir Ernest MacMillan Award from PROCAN and CAPAC; in 1985 and 1987 he was awarded the Rodolphe Mathieu Award; in 1987 he won first prize in the Omaha Symphony Guild New Music Competition; and in 1988 he again won the Gold Sir Ernest MacMillan Award, as well the William St. Clair Low Award.

Today Dr. MacDonald is the founder and artistic director of Ensemble Musica Nova, and the vice-president of the Canadian League of Composers. He continues his work at Bishop's University in the Music Department where he teaches composition, music theory and electronic music. In 1981 MacDonald married Eleanor Gang, a concert singer, and they have two children, Ilana and Cameron, who play violin and piano respectively.

Janna Gazzola, Stacey McCarthy
May 1997

JOHN McCRAE : 1872-1918

John McCrae was born November 30, 1872. He wrote "In Flanders Fields", his famous poem, during one of his military services which began early in his life.

At the age of fourteen, he joined the Guelph Highland Cadets, eventually earning the rank of First Lieutenant. Later he joined the Royal Artillery and in 1899, served as a combat officer in the Boer War. During the First World War he served as a Medical Officer and was promoted to Lieutenant-Colonel in charge of a medical unit.

John McCrae took his studies seriously while at the GCVI. He earned a scholarship to the University of Toronto at the age of 16 and graduated with honours. He briefly attended the Veterinary College in Guelph, and later studied medicine at the University of Toronto. He later did post-graduate studies at McGill University. This extensive education led him to help save many lives in the Boer War and World War One.

"In Flanders Fields" was written in a dugout in Ypres in 1915. Some say it was inspired by the death of a comrade. By writing this poem, he made the poppy the symbol of remembrance. John McCrae died of pneumonia in Ypres on January 28, 1918. He was buried in Wimereux, France.

In honour of John McCrae, his Guelph home was made into a museum, and an elementary school on Water Street was named after him.

Sarah Nasby, Ieva Lucs
May 1995
KM

BETH MCINTOSH

Nomination at Commencement 2005

FRED MILLS : 1935 –

The former Canadian Brass trumpeter, Fred Mills, was born in Guelph in 1935 and graduated from GCVI in 1953. During his years here, this talented musician received many Kiwanis music festival awards in Guelph, Toronto, London and Owen Sound. Fred's brother, J.R. Mills, a pianist, was a strong influence on Fred's early development as a musician. His parents supported his pursuit of a musical career, and in his sophomore year at GCVI, he made a serious commitment to study music rather than architecture. This began his career as a musician.

After attending the Juilliard School of Music in New York City, Fred was engaged by maestro Leopold Stokowski as principal trumpet with the Houston Symphony Orchestra in Texas from 1958-1962. For the next six years, he was the principal trumpet with the New York City Opera and an active New York freelance musician, performing in everything from Broadway shows to jingles, recordings with Stravinsky to jazz ballets. In 1969, he returned to Canada and took part in the inaugural years of the National Arts Centre Orchestra. He joined the Canadian Brass in 1972, the only brass quintet in Canada. This began his 24-year career with the popular ensemble, combining musicianship with humour. Together, they played over 3500 concerts all around the world and made over 40 recordings. In addition to playing, Fred contributed more than 50 arrangements and transcriptions to the repertoire. He is currently Professor of Trumpet and Brass Chamber Music at the University of Georgia and is still enjoying his musical career. Fred Mills has won the respect and awe of all the people who have heard him play. He has travelled the world, performing in all the major concert halls of Europe, the Far East and South and North America. Fred Mills has accomplished much in communicating his art as a performer and teacher and has never regretted his decision to follow his dreams.

Jennifer Lee
May 2004

P.G. REID : 1909 - 1997

Peter Gordon Reid was born in Chesley, Ontario where he attended high school. After graduation he attended Stratford Teachers' College and taught elementary school. In 1938 he graduated from Queen's University with a BA in English and History. From 1942 to 1946 he served in the Canadian army. In 1968 he earned his MA in History from the University of Waterloo. In January 1948 Gordon Reid was appointed Head of Guidance and teacher of English at the GCVI. He was appointed Principal in April 1956 and served until June 1971. He served as Superintendent with the Wellington County Board of Education until his retirement in December 1971.

As teacher and Principal at the GCVI he provided outstanding leadership. Under his direction the present resource centre was opened in the fall of 1969. In 1971, the school library was named the P.G. Reid Resource Centre in honour of his vision that "the greatest thing you can do for youngsters is to give them the opportunity to read." Mr. Reid would often drop in and visit the library after he retired.

Joy Simpson
Joyce MacKenzie
May 1995
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GEORGE SLEEMAN : 1841-1926

George Sleeman, according to his great-grandson, John, was a "successful, strong, caring, intelligent man with an iron fist". Born in St. David's, Ontario, he first went into business with his father, John, at "The Silvercreek Brewery" in 1860 when he was only 19. Shortly afterwards he married Miss Sarah Hill and successfully raised 12 children.

Throughout his life, George was involved in numerous community projects, including: President of the Leaf Baseball Club and a member of town council, serving as Reeve from 1877 to 1878 and mayor for five separate terms. He also brought the street car to Guelph in 1907 when he was chairman of the Guelph Street Railway Company. His house, now known as the Manor, was one of the first houses in Guelph to have electricity.

Mr. Sleeman's wife, Sarah, passed away on January 21, 1917, and he died on December 16th, 1926 at the age of 85. The last of the Sleeman children, Florence, passed away in 1974 at the age of 86.

In 1933 when the industry was booming, the brewery lost its licence for selling beer to the United States during Prohibition. The Sleeman Brewery did not get its license back until 1985. Harold Koch, an acquaintance of Mr. Sleeman said, "He had a mind that seemed to be always reaching out ahead to give some improvement to the structure and growth of his community."

Jennifer Harnum
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JOEY SLINGER : 1943-

John Edward (Joey) Slinger was born April 14, 1943 in Regina, Saskatchewan and graduated from GCVI in 1962. While at GCVI, he served on Student Council (1960) and with the Gaels Club (1961). However, Joey was an aspiring journalist and that is what he went on to become. He worked for the Guelph Mercury in 1964 and 1965 before attending Queen's and Carleton Universities. He later worked on several newspapers including the Victoria Times, The Globe and Mail, and The Toronto Sun before settling down at The Toronto Star.

Slinger currently lives in Toronto and has written a humour column in The Toronto Star since 1979. In 1982, Joey Slinger won the National Newspaper Award for best columnist. He continues to be one of the most consistently funny columnists in Canada today. Joey is the author of two books, No Axe Too Small to Grind, winner of the 1986 Leacock Award for humour, and If It's a Jungle Out There, Why Do I Have to Mow the Lawn? Both of these books were compiled from Joey Slinger's newspaper columns.

Brendan Fegan
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L.P

EFFIE SMITH : 1867-1960

Gertrude Euphemia Smith was one of Guelph's most prominent figures both as an artist and as a community member. Her tasteful, realistic paintings of flowers coupled with a kindhearted, giving personality made her a popular and respected artist in the Guelph community.

Effie's father, a minister at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, instilled in her a loyalty to her church. At St. Andrew's, which represented a large part of the population in Guelph at that time, she served as organist for fifteen years. She also supported church organizations such as the Women's Missionary Society, and other community work including membership in the Guelph Creative Arts Club and Preston Music Club.

Her artistic abilities were evident during her years at the GCVI and she pursued further study in Hamilton and Chicago. Her early works were mainly ceramics, wood carvings, and the occasional water colour painting. World War II limited her supplies, so she chose to pursue painting exclusively. After gaining recognition as a commercial artist, she became a studio painter. Her paintings were soon exhibited at the Canadian National Exhibition and in galleries as far away as British Columbia. Buyers, including Prime Minister John Diefenbaker, came from all over North America, and even Europe. Effie Smith remains a representative of Guelph's culture during that time period, making her a valued GCVI graduate. Her paintings can be found in the Macdonald Stewart Art Centre, the Guelph Civic Museum, and many Guelph homes.

Faizal Bhojani
Stephen Keleher
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SK

DONNA STRICKLAND : 1959 –

Donna Strickland was born May 27, 1959 in Guelph, Ontario, the second child of Edith and Lloyd Strickland. She attended Victory and Willow Road Public Schools and began her studies at the GCVI in the fall of 1972. While at the GCVI she participated in the Outers' Club and the school band. Donna Strickland was the valedictorian at her graduation in 1977. She was the winner of a Chancellor's Scholarship for McMaster University, the Frank Braucht Memorial Award and the James Davison Scholarship for general proficiency and high standing in mathematics, and was one of the first recipients of the Maynard Kingsmill Watt scholarship.

After graduation from the GCVI, Strickland attended McMaster University where she received a Bachelor of Engineering degree with honours, in 1981. She was awarded an NSERC scholarship for graduate studies. In 1989 she earned a Ph.D. in Optics from the Institute of Optics at the University of Rochester. From 1988 to 1991, Dr. Strickland worked as a Research Associate at the Steacie Institute for Molecular Science at the National Research Council, Ottawa. The following year she accepted a position as a physicist with the laser division of the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in Livermore, California. From 1992 to 1996 she was a scientist at the Photonics and Opto-Electronic Materials Centre at Princeton University, New Jersey. Dr. Strickland returned to Canada in the fall of 1996, with her husband, Dr. Douglas Dykaar, and their two small children, Adam and Hannah, to join the faculty of the Physics Department at the University of Waterloo.

Donna Strickland has earned an international reputation in the fields of short-pulse laser and laser-matter interactions. She has co-authored some of the most important contributions to her field. Most notably, she co-developed a laser amplification technique known as Chirped Pulse Amplification (CPA) with her Ph.D. supervisor, Dr. Gerard Mourou. CPA made it possible to

amplify ultra-short pulses to unprecedented levels. The CPA technique is now used extensively around the world and is the method used to generate the highest peak power laser pulses.

Alice Jansen, Zee Rana
May 1997
KM

BRIGADIER-GENERAL KENNETH TORRANCE : 1896-1948

Born in Guelph in 1896, Brigadier-General Kenneth Torrance was the grandson of the Rev. Robert Torrance D.D., founding minister of Chalmers Presbyterian (now United) Church, and after whom Torrance Public School was named. From 1910 to 1914, he attended GCVI where he was active in the Drama Club, army cadets, and the school rifle team. He was top cadet in the GCVI corps before leaving high school in 1914 to attend Royal Military College, Kingston. Torrance went overseas during World War I and served with the Canadian Army until the armistice. He was awarded the Military Cross for distinguished service. After the war, he transferred to the British Army, took staff training and continued to serve in India and Malaya through World War II.

In the 1942 New Year's Honours List ceremony, King George VI awarded Torrance the Order of the British Empire for his bravery while serving with the besieged British forces in Singapore. Torrance returned to Guelph in 1945 after three and a half years in a Japanese prisoner of war camp where his health had severely deteriorated. He bought the mansion named Ker Cavan as a summer home in Guelph. He died in 1948 at the age of fifty-two at his winter home in the Bahamas.

Wendy Painting
May 1993
MP

BISHOP MATTHEW FRANCIS USTRZYCKI : 1932 –

Bishop Matthew Francis Ustrzycki was born on March 25, 1932, and attended the Guelph CVI from 1947 to the early 1950's. He has very fond memories of the school, and especially of his principal, F. A. Hamilton. The subjects that he enjoyed the most were History, French, Math and English. He was also involved as a manager of the football team. During this time, he helped to support his family by delivering papers and in the summers working in construction. He knew nothing about his future vocation during high school, but the death of his younger brother and the encouragement of his pastor influenced him to seek a career in the church.

After he left the Guelph CVI, he attended Ottawa University and obtained his Honours degree in liberal Arts and Philosophy, assisted by bursaries during his second and third years. He subsequently earned his Bachelor of Theology degree from St. Michael's University. His most practical learning experience was in 1962, when he studied church law in St. Thomas, Rome. Even though he couldn't understand the language, he learned valuable lessons about people, and about dealing with difficult situations.

In order to become a bishop, one must be appointed by the Vatican. First, the local clergy or lay people offer a name. Then if the candidate passes a scrutiny, the Holy Father Ambassador in Ottawa forwards the information to Rome. The Bishop Matthew Francis Ustrzycki was ordained the Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Hamilton on July 3, 1985. He is the Auxiliary Bishop of an area that spans from Oakville to New Hamburg, from Tobermory to Winona.

Bishop Ustrzycki does not have everyday duties, but there are four general responsibilities he must always keep in mind: to teach, to preach, to sanctify, and to govern. These include the celebration of the sacraments, and teaching the gospel. In addition, he is involved in administration in the Diocese of Hamilton.

Bishop Ustrzycki is a great person who enjoys helping people. He says the most satisfying aspect of his vocation is "to give to people, and not get something back".

DEBORAH WHALE

Deborah Whale, daughter of George and Thelma Jones, graduated from G.C.V.I. in 1965. While here, she was the literary editor of Acta Nostra, a sub-editor of Green Door and a member of the glee club and the science club. She then went on to study Political Science and English at Queens University. After graduation, she spent two years teaching in Thailand. She has travelled or worked in twenty-seven countries and plans to visit at least twenty-seven more.

Whale, who believes in doing everything to the best of her ability, has accomplished many things. Since 1974, she has been the Vice President and Co-owner/operator of Clovermead Farms Inc., a 250-acre dairy and poultry operation in Alma, Ontario. She has invested twenty-five years of hard work into building this huge operation which functions on the leading edge of agricultural technology.

Deborah Whale was the first female to sit on many agricultural boards and committees and has been the chair of the following organizations: the Technology Restructuring Committee for the Wellington County Board of Education, the Agriculture Research Institute of Ontario, the Guard Inc., an agricultural investment committee, VIDO, and the Research Committee for the Poultry Industry Council. Since 1996, she has been the Director of the Poultry Industry Centre in the Wellington Federation of Agriculture. She continually works to encourage, promote and develop agriculture in Canada. In 1996, Deborah Whale was chosen for the first Woman of Distinction Award@ in Wellington County for the field of Science and Technology. For many years, she worked hard with parents and teachers across Canada to create the opportunity for Canadian children to be bilingual. Now, there are French-immersion programs for children throughout Canada and both Deborah Whale=s sons speak fluent French. Canada=s education system and multi-cultural society have grown stronger through her hard work and perseverance.

When she gets a break from work, she enjoys skiing, canoeing and biking. In her travels, she has bungee-jumped and clung to mountain peaks. She is married and the proud mother of two outstanding sons, Corb and Tyler. Deborah Whale is an achiever, a feminist, an explorer, and leader and a loving mother.

Jessica Ruddock
Mike Petter
June 1998
SV

CAROL ANNE (WOOD) LETHEREN : 1942 - 2001

Born on July 27, 1942, Carol Anne Wood attended the GCVI between 1955 and 1960. She was actively involved in many extra-curricular activities including basketball and volleyball. She served as editor of the yearbook, and in her senior year she was elected president of the Students' Council. Although she was one of the highest-ranked officials in Canadian sport, Wood did not always plan a career in athletics; her grade 13 courses centered around languages and history.

After graduation from the GCVI, Wood earned a Bachelor of Physical Education in 1963 from the University of Toronto, where she played varsity volleyball. From 1963 to 1970, she taught at the University of Toronto, and in 1969 she earned a Bachelor of Arts specializing in Anthropology and Psychology. She then went on to teach at York University, where she earned a Master's of Business Administration in 1977.

Carol Anne officiated in gymnastics at the 1978 and 1982 Commonwealth Games and the 1976 and 1984 Olympic Games, as well as five world Championships. For two years, Woods acted as a consultant to the federal government and then moved into business marketing for 14 years. As a member of the International Olympic Committee since 1990, Wood was responsible for sending Canadian athletes to the Pan-American and Olympic Games, as well as promoting the Olympic movement. It was said that she was "very stubborn about making sure the right things happened" in regard to Canadian Olympics. She was the Canadian Olympic Association's Chief Executive Officer and the vice-president of the IOC for education.

Over the years, Wood has been a coach and official of several sports at the university varsity, provincial, national and international levels, and has been involved in many athletic organizations in Canada. Carol Anne passed away suddenly at the age of 58 of a brain aneurysm on February 2, 2001. She had a son, Dan Letheren.

Sarah Holdridge
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