

# Don Mills Collegiate



**1959-2019**

## *Congratulations to a Wonderful School*

### *60 Great Years*

*I remember staring out the window, sitting at the 4th desk from the back of our brand new classroom on the second day after Don Mills opened. The workmen were laying the sod. We still stood to sing "Oh, Canada", as it was piped through the first new PA system installed in a Toronto school.*

*The new teacher insisted we stand when he walked into the classroom. I was still looking outside when he barked, "JD, who was buried in Grant's Tomb?" My mind was a mile away. I was so taken up with the new school, my new friends and the cute blonde sitting on the next aisle. I replied, "I have no idea". I was laughed at for weeks and wondered if I would ever survive. Yes, high school had begun.*

*Over the next four years, Dr. Maher and Coach Bell insisted that if I stopped having a good time my marks would improve. In the end, I barely made it through, thanks to a great music program that brought up my average. Today, with over 11,000 clients and business all over the world, I am thankful that the teachers kept at me to succeed with excellence.*

*I won an award for thinking up the name of the Year Book, The ORBIT. Unfortunately though, it was soon forgotten as I often ended up at the principal's office blamed for various stink bombs in the cafeteria and changing all the locks on all lockers in the school. As Al and Tom know, I did not do it. But... it was front page news in the Toronto Star.*

*The music program, the great teachers and going to the most talked about and modern school in the country left me with a lot of great memories to share with my 9 grandchildren. The Don Mills pennant is still on my wall.*

*I hope the students of today are proud of their school's 60 year history. I challenge them to graduate with integrity and a desire to make our world a better place, as they take their place as our future leaders.*



**Dr. J. D. Smith BA, MBA, CCIB, LLD**  
**Class of 1964**

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## From the Editor for the 60th Reunion of Don Mills Collegiate Institute



So, where do I start? This is now my third time being Editor of the DMCI Reunion Booklet. What more can I say that I haven't already said in previous books?

I stand in awe that we have all made it to this 60th reunion. Despite the many years, we're still excited about celebrating this institution. What does that tell you? It should tell you that, in our youth, something must have been outstanding about DMCI and the Don Mills area that still excites us to this day and, once again, draws us here.

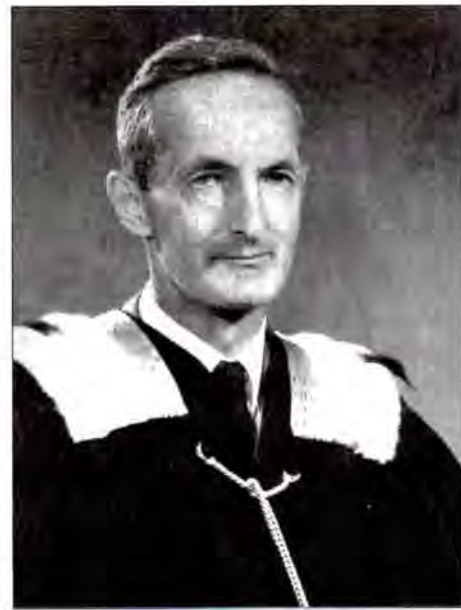
We "elders" were most fortunate to have resided in Don Mills when it was designed as the first planned community of its type. All of us were lucky to have attended the same public schools with many of the same kids who also attended Don Mills Collegiate. There is a closeness and a comradery that comes with seeing the same friends year after year and grade after grade.

In "our day" (don't you hate that phrase) we attended all the same classes as a group. We would start with, say, Chemistry, then switch to a new classroom and teacher for History, then Geography, etc. Well before the end of our high school years, we knew each other intimately.

And that accounts for one of the many reasons why so many old-timers show up at these reunions. We want to see old friends, to re-connect, to catch up on each others' every-day lives.

"So", you query, "if this is such a big deal, then why does it only run for one day?" In answer: because we (the original group of students at DMCI) were the only ones who stepped forward to organize this 60th reunion. If your group from the 70s, 80s, 90s or 2000s wants to run the 70th reunion, then someone else had better step up and do it because, in all likelihood, those of us who organized this reunion will either be dead or too senile to help you. Enough said?

*Al Vezina, Editor*



*Photo courtesy of Mrs. Ruth Maher*

### **In loving memory of Dr. Gerald B. Maher, Founding Principal Don Mills Collegiate**

*The hands of time turn back once more  
To open a quickly closing door.  
Within this book your eyes will gaze  
Upon every word and every phrase.  
You look for something to help you remember,  
Something to spark your youthful ember.  
Everything was just as you recall,  
You wish you could go back and relive it all,  
To live each moment exactly the same,  
To go back in time and "Do it" again,  
To relive all the clamour, to relive all the noise,  
To relive all the hearbreaks, to relive all the joys.  
If only you could go back and live it once more,  
Then no one, no, no one could close the door.*

*Timothy Reynolds, Orbit '78*





## DMCI Coat of Arms

The Coat of Arms was the creation of Mr. John Roper, the first head of the Art Department of Don Mills Collegiate Institute. The Motto was inspired by Mr. Fred Oliver.

The following are excerpts from Mr. Roper's description of the motif of the Coat of Arms:

"Our Coat of Arms is composed of the traditional Shield, Helmet, Mantling and, of course, Motto. Our shield is half-round in shape and is inclined slightly to the dexter or bearer's right.

This inclination is symbolic of the bearer's efforts to follow what is right.

The surface of the shield is called the Field and the various designs on it are known as the Chargers. The field of our Coat is black with the heraldic 'Sun in its Splendour' as the Charge. The sun in its splendour, which is always gold with sixteen rays alternately straight and wavy, symbolizes light and power.

The Mantling is the elegant, flowing drapery, which at first served to protect the wearer of the helmet from the rays of the sun. The Mantling may be considered to represent the protection provided by knowledge, understanding, tolerance, moderation and wisdom; qualities which our school seeks to foster.

Beneath the Shield on a white band appears our school motto; "OMNIA PER SCIENTIUM", which means "Through knowledge, all things are possible".



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# DMCI School Song

By Mr. Fred Oliver

Don Mills ! Don Mills Collegiate is the school we honour and cheer

Don Mills ! Sing out her praises for the whole Dominion to hear !

Om-ni-a per sci-en-ti-am is our watch word morning and night

We'll keep burning the lamp of learning that makes our future look bright.

Don Mills Hold high the banners with the white the black and the gold.

Don Mills Dear Alma Mater where our hopes and dreams may un-fold

The Way We Were Souvenir Book

When we shout it and brag about it you know we'll never deny we come from

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## AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING

The 1950's will be remembered as the blossoming of the baby boom. It was the time, too, during which Canada's first planned community came into being. More has been written about Don Mills than any other community. What made it remarkable was its



blend of homes and business plants which had to conform to esthetic standards. Over all was a sense of harmony and spaciousness with just about every facility to hand.

The community was well served by public schools, placed in each quadrant, within easy walking distance of the sectors they served. And there was a Separate School. Most of these were bulging at the seams and the emergency answer was the 'portable'. By 1957, the need for a local High School became urgent; the building of a Junior High School was also envisaged. The two schools would be physically attached and share certain facilities.



The architect was John B. Parkin Associates with Eastern Construction Company as the general contractors. The cost was to be \$1,044,132.26.

On May 30, 1959 Education Minister Dr. W. J. Dunlop was the guest speaker at the Cornerstone Laying Ceremony. There were just three months to go before the beginning of the school year and, looking at the empty shell of the building, even the most optimistic observer could see problems ahead, and how right he would be!

At this stage, the student chronicler of the time takes over:

***Opening Day, September 8, 1959***



"As the doors opened at 8:40 on Tuesday morning, the first students of Don Mills Collegiate Institute entered their new school.

Grades 11 and 12 gathered in the bookless, incompleting library and were introduced to their principal, Dr. Gerald B. Maher, and assigned their home-form rooms and teachers.

The students of Grade 10 met in a classroom and were instructed as to further procedures by vice-principal, Mr. J. A. Gummow. Grade 9 students, comprising half the school's population, were introduced to high school that afternoon.

Thus, approximately five hundred students and a teaching staff of twenty-seven commenced their work of making what has been hailed as "one of Canada's most modern school buildings" into one of its most respected educational institutions."

The student chronicler goes on to speak of the: ***Difficulties:***

"There were many problems to be solved in the



On November 4, 1958 work began on the Collegiate.





first month or so in the history of Don Mills Collegiate Institute. However, the pioneer spirit reigned and improvisation became the key word.

With no cafetorium or kitchen for the first couple of weeks, picnicking became the fad as students lined the curb (for lack of grass) while eating their lunch.



Teachers who hadn't had a chance to try the new type of student desk received a great opportunity when they found that their desks had not arrived.

The gymnasium and swimming pool were not completed for several months and the science department was handicapped because the gas line had not been hooked up. The result was that classes were often held in the hall opposite the teachers' room."

***The Official Opening:***

It is significant that the Official Opening, with all its pomp, was not held until Thursday, November 26, 1969. The Guest Speaker was no less a prominent person than the Premier of the Province of Ontario, The Honourable Mr. Leslie M. Frost. My, but those seats were hard. The Chairman of the Board at the time (and ceremony) was Mr. Frank E. Watson, while the Vice-Chairman was Robert B. Bradley who is still with the Board today, and must surely have established some sort of record of service!



# Let's See What's Happened Over the Past 60 Years

## THE 1960'S

Few decades rivals the 1960's when it comes to the scope of change that occurred. From music to politics to fashion to social issues; it was truly a decade of change. Perhaps there is no clearer way to illustrate it than by the transformation in fashion. The 1960's began with teenage boys wearing their hair short and plaid button down shirts.



Teenage girls wore longer skirts and sweaters to class, but by mid-decade, mini-skirts and go-go boots were in. As the years went by, boys wore their hair longer and longer. Bright colours ruled. Former U.S. President John F. Kennedy promised to land a man on the moon by the end of the decade.



On July 21, 1969, Neil Armstrong made history when he took

“one small step for man; one giant leap for mankind”. If you were over the age of five, chances are you remember exactly where you were when Armstrong took that very first step on the moon.



The same can be said for remembering where you were when you heard that John F. Kennedy had been assassinated in Dallas on November 22, 1963.



In 1964, the Beatles landed in New York

launching what became known as the British Invasion. Never has a band so dominated the music scene as

John, Paul, George and Ringo during their relatively brief time together as a band.



## LEGENDS OF MOTOWN



such as The Band, The Guess Who, Joni Mitchell and Neil Young were early examples of Canadians who made it big

The British Invasion was joined in popularity by other music genres such as folk rock and Motown. Indeed, teenagers were listening to a wide variety of music through the decade. The Rolling Stones, Led Zepelin, the Supremes and countless others joined the Beatles in a decade known for its music In Canada, stars



on the world music scene.



On television, teenagers were watching shows like the Beverly Hillbillies, The Andy Griffith Show, Star Trek, I Dream of Jeannie and the Flintstones. Youngsters



in Canada were introduced to Mr. Dressup and the Friendly Giant. Tommy Hunter, Front Page Challenge and Don Messer's Jubilee were popular shows. In 1966, the CBC broadcast in colour for the first time.



Broadway musicals were king during the 1960's featuring such blockbusters as Fiddler on the Roof, Hello Dolly, The Fantasticks, Funny Girl and Man of La Mancha.



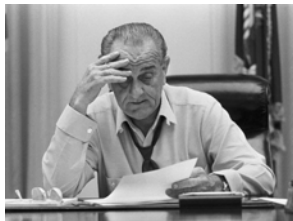
Amidst the ongoing tensions of the cold war, the world was a more dangerous place in the 1960's. Notably, the United States and the U.S.S.R.

came perilously close to war in October of 1962,



during the Cuban Missile Crisis.

In the mid 1960's the U.S. also escalated its presence in Vietnam. Over the next decade, as hostilities and casualties mounted, the Vietnam War would become the pre-occupation of the United States. It sparked massive protests and ultimately led to U.S. President Lyndon Johnson's decision not to run for re-election in 1968.



In 1968, both Robert F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King were assassinated. Later that year, Richard Nixon was elected President.

Diefenbaker engaged in some close election battles which saw both lead minority governments

Lester B. Pearson and John



during the 60's. The decade ended with Trudeaumania sweeping the nation as a previously unknown Pierre Elliott Trudeau won his first election as Prime Minister and would go on to serve for most of

the next 16 years.



Both the Canada Pension Plan and universal medicare were launched in the 1960's. Canada got a new flag, after raucous debate, and millions of kids became teenagers as the post-war baby boom came of age. The population of Canada was just under 18 million in 1960 and over 21 million by the end of the decade.

In 1967, Canada celebrated its centennial with many events held across the country. The most notable was Expo 67, the World's Fair which was held in Montreal. There was a Don Mills connection to Expo as the DMCI concert band played at the event.



Toronto was also growing as a city, Don Mills, once the end of the "urban road" was being surrounded by other developments as new suburbs were born. The Don Valley Parkway was opened.



The skyline of the city, long dominated by the Royal York Hotel was changed forever with the construction of the first real skyscraper, the Toronto Dominion Centre. The new city Hall was the talk of the town for its architectural marvel.

Landing on the moon was one of many firsts experience in the 60's. Other milestones included the world's first heart transplant, the birth control "pill" was released launching the sexual revolution and touch-tone telephones were put on the market.



The 1960's were a wonderful decade for the Toronto Maple Leafs. Little did anyone know that the Leaf's Stanley Cup Victory in 1967 would be the team's last for over fifty years.





## THE 1970'S

The 1970's saw a continuation of the social and political change that began in the 1960's. Many of the things that were seen as "different" in the 60's became the norm.



Colourful clothes were still all the rage with young people, as was long hair. Bell bottom pants and leisure suits were added to the "in" list.

The 1970's was quite a decade for fads. At one point or another, mood rings, clogs, lava lamps, pet rocks and happy faces were "must have" items. The decade also produced the bizarre practice of "streaking" which saw the perpetrators fully disrobe and then "streak" in a public place.



The decade saw a couple of moments where Canada shone on the international stage in the world of sports.

In 1972, Team Canada beat the U.S.S.R. in an epic eight game battle for hockey supremacy. Most Canadians can tell you exactly where they were when Paul Henderson scored the winning goal with 34 seconds left the Series.



In 1976, all eyes were on Montreal as the city hosted the Summer Olympics.

Pierre Trudeau remained Prime Minister for virtually the entire decade save for 1979 when a young Conservative Leader named Joe Clark won a minority government. But in a big miscalculation, nine months later Clark introduced a budget calling for a major hike in the gas tax. The budget was defeated and so too was Clark who lost the resulting election back to Trudeau.



In Ontario, William Davis became the Premier beginning a reign that would last until 1985.



The 1970's saw perhaps the most fundamental changes in the world of television. Until then, if you lived in Toronto you could pick up CTV and CBC on your antenna along with a couple of the American stations out of Buffalo, but during the 70's the Canadian TV dial expanded when CITY TV went on the air, along with Global Television. Don Mills' residents were especially proud of Global which set up its studios in the old Barber Greene farm machine factory.

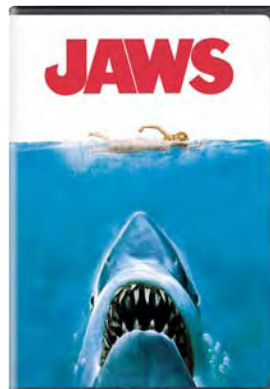


The 1970's also saw the introduction of video games. The stars of the early generation featured Pong, Asteroid and Space Invaders.



The 1970's still featured family shows such as Happy Days, The Brady Bunch, and others like M.A.S.H., The Waltons and Charlie's Angels. But it was during this decade that television became edgier. Most notably programs like All in the Family

and Saturday Night Live were launched and pushed the boundaries on



topics that were once considered off limits.

The 1970's also saw teenagers flocking to movie theatres to see the wave of blockbuster movies that were all the rage. Jaws, Star Wars, Close Encounters of the Third Kind and Earthquake all enjoyed long runs at the box office.

Saturday Night Fever, a movie starring John Travolta, was even responsible for launching a new genre of music - disco. The movie soundtrack featuring the Bee Gees remains one of the biggest selling albums of all time.



Rock music had morphed into many different styles including soft rock, hard rock, country rock, punch rock and shock rock.



In the United States, Richard Nixon would make a landmark visit to China, and initiated the withdrawal of the Americans from the Vietnam War. But Nixon will be best remembered for having to resign as

President in August 1974 over the infamous Watergate scandal.

Terrorism reared its ugly head in Canada and around the world during the decade.

In October of 1970, the FLQ, (Front de Liberation du Quebec), kidnapped James Cross, Britain's Trade Commissioner to Canada, and Pierre Laporte, a Quebec Cabinet Minister. So began Canada's October Crisis which ultimately led to Prime Minister Trudeau invoking the War Measures Act. Hundreds of people were arrested without warrants and the Canadian military was called into service in major Quebec cities and in Ottawa. In the end, Laporte was murdered and his murderers convicted and jailed.



In 1972, the world watched as terrorists kidnapped and then killed 11 Israeli athletes at the Munich Summer Olympics.

Later in 1979, Iranian students stormed the U.S. Embassy in Tehran taking Americans hostage. It would last 444 days.

Now into the second century, Canada celebrated some moments that would define the nation, but it also experienced some growing pains.

The country became officially bilingual, and introduced the policy that would ultimately lead to Canada becoming the rich and diverse multicultural country that it is today.

But during the 70's some Canadians wondered whether the nation would survive. The Separatist movement

in Quebec had grown and culminated in 1976 with the election of Rene Levesque and the Parti Quebecois as the government. The PQ began work immediately setting the stage for a referendum with the intention of sovereignty.

Federalists spent a great deal of their time trying to keep confederation intact.



Toronto continued to mature and grow as a city and ultimately surpassed Montreal as the largest city in Canada. In the mid 70's the CN Tower was completed and the city laid claim to the tallest free standing structure in the world.



In 1977, the Toronto Blue Jays played their first game in the snow at old Exhibition Stadium, starting a new love affair with the city's sports fans.



Don Mills continued to evolve as a neighbourhood. We saw the first tower constructed at 75 The Donway. But perhaps the most notable development was when the Don Mills Centre was transformed from an outdoor plaza into an indoor mall.

## THE 1980'S

During the 1980's, Baby Boomers began entering their 30's and 40's. Their kids were dubbed Generation X.

On April 12, 1980, a young man named Terry Fox began an incredible journey when he dipped his artificial leg into the Atlantic Ocean in St. John's, Newfoundland. Fox had lost a leg to cancer and intended on running across Canada





to raise money for cancer research. By the time Fox reached Ontario he had captured the hearts and minds of Canadians. Sadly, his journey ended later that year just outside of Thunder Bay when it was discovered the cancer had returned. This Canadian hero died in 1981 but he left a lasting legacy. Over 24 million dollars were raised in the weeks immediately following his death and to this day a run is held in countries around the world in his honour and to raise money for cancer research. As of 2009, 360 million had been raised worldwide.



Canadians embraced another new sports hero in the 1980's. Wayne Gretzky took the National Hockey League by a storm leading the Edmonton Oilers to four straight Stanley Cups. During his career "The Great One" would set almost every notable scoring record in the NHL.

There were also some troubling times for the nation. In 1980, the Parti Quebecois government held a referendum on Quebec sovereignty. Canadians held their collective breath but the referendum was defeated and Quebec remained part of Canada.

Afterwards, Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau and the provincial premiers engaged in negotiations to repatriate the country's constitution. In 1982, Canada officially became independent of the United Kingdom.

In 1984, Trudeau took a walk in the snow and decided to retire after spending the better part of 16 years as Prime Minister. He was replaced by John Turner, but Turner's mandate would be short lived. Just months after being sworn in, he was soundly beaten by Conservative leader Brian Mulroney.



During the decade, Conservative politicians were extremely popular. Ronald Reagan became President of the United States and served 2 terms and Margaret Thatcher was Prime Minister of Great Britain for 3 terms.

In Ontario, William Davis stepped down as Premier

in 1985 ending 14 years in that post. He was replaced by Frank Miller but in an election shortly afterwards, David Peterson and the Liberals ended the Conservatives' 42 year reign when they reached an agreement with the NDP.



But perhaps no political leader had the lasting impact of Mikhail Gorbachev who became the leader of the Soviet Union in 1985. He led the movement towards massive reforms. In

1989, Poland, followed by Hungary and ultimately all of the other Warsaw Pact nations, emerged from under Soviet dominance. It culminated with the fall of the Berlin Wall. The Soviet Iron Curtain had fallen and the Cold War was dead.

In 1981, 750 million people watched the fairy tale wedding of Prince Charles to Diana Spencer. The following year their first son William was born.



The same year, Pope John Paul II and Ronald Reagan were shot but both survived separate assassination attempts. Just a few months earlier, John Lennon had been murdered outside his apartment.

1981 saw the introduction of a new form of space travel when the Space Shuttle was launched for the first time. Shuttle missions became very frequent but in January 1986 the world was shocked when the Challenger exploded shortly after launch killing all seven crew members.



The decade saw some significant environmental disasters with the nuclear meltdown of Chernobyl in 1986, the chemical leak in Bhopal India and the Exxon Valdez oil spill in 1989. In Ontario and elsewhere, political leaders were taking action to fight the impacts

of acid rain.



In 1982, Michael Jackson released the album “Thriller” which sold over 100 million copies and remains to this day, the top selling album of all time. By the 1980’s the disco craze was dead. Young people were listening to all sorts of different music.

The decade also saw the introduction of a number of Canadian musicians who would go on to make it big on the world stage including Bryan Adams and Celine Dion.



Comedies ruled on television. SCTV, The Cosby Show, Cheers and Roseanne were all big hits. In 1983, television history was made when over 100 million people watched the final episode of “M.A.S.H.” making it the most watched episode in history.

The number of television channels available to Canadians skyrocketed in the 1980’s with the creation of cable TV stations such as Much Music, TSN, News World and the Discovery Channel. However, by the 1980’s television began to have competition for people’s attention.



While the first home computers became available in the 70’s, it wasn’t until the 1980’s that their use took off, thanks in part to the launch of IBM’s personal computer and Apple’s MacIntosh.

In the early 80’s consumers could buy and listen to music on CD’s for the first time which began the gradual decline of vinyl records and cassette tapes.

At the theatres, the Star Wars sequels “The Empire Strikes Back” and “Return of the Jedi” earned over half a billion dollars each. But the most popular movie of the decade was E.T. The Extra Terrestrial, which earned almost 800 million dollars. Everyone was familiar with the phrase “ET phone home”!

Toronto got a new landmark in 1989 when the Skydome opened. It received worldwide attention because of its retractable roof. Fans



flocked to the stadium to watch the Blue Jays who made the playoffs for the first of a number of times during the 1980’s.

The Toronto Argonauts ended a 30 year drought by winning the Grey Cup in 1982.



## THE 1990’S



Three words sum up the biggest story and influence of the 1990’s. They were World Wide Web.

The World Wide Web was born in 1992 and not even the inventors could have imagined how far it would go and how quickly it would become so important in the lives of billions of people. The Earth had truly become the global village.

In 1994, three million people were on the internet. By 1998, that number had grown to 100 million. Never had a concept moved so quickly into mainstream.

At the same time, the growth in personal computers was equally astonishing, more than doubling to over 300 million world-wide by the mid 90’s.

Economically, the decade did not start well in Ontario. The province was gripped by a deep recession resulting in major job losses. It would take more than two years for the economy to recover. But the recession was followed by periods of major economic growth with many people enjoying increasing pay and prosperity.

Bob Rae made history in 1990 by becoming the first NDP Premier in Ontario history. But Rae and his government were hit hard by the recession. In 1995, Mike Harris and the Progressive Conservatives came to power and the Common Sense Revolution was launched in Ontario.



Federally, Brian Mulroney announced his retirement in 1993 and was replaced by Kim Campbell, who became the first female Prime Minister in Canadian history.





Later that year, an election left the conservatives with only two seats and Canada had a new Liberal Prime Minister Jean Chretien. It would be the first of four election victories for Chretien as he faced many issues, among them, a renewed threat of Quebec separation. In the 1995 Referendum, Quebecers narrowly voted to defeat secession from Canada.



South of the border, Bill Clinton was sworn in as President of the United States in 1992. Despite a number of high profile initiatives, Clinton's presidency was overshadowed by a scandal that saw him narrowly avoiding being impeached by the US Senate after lying about having sex with White House intern Monica Lewinsky.



The Cold War drew to a close in the late 1980's and the early 1990's. East and West Germany were reunified after the wall came down in 1989 and in 1991 the Soviet Union collapsed and split into 15 new countries.

At the same time, international tensions shifted to another part of the world. Saddam Hussein, the Iraqi dictator, invaded neighbouring Kuwait. That led to Operation Desert Storm where an allied force of nations, including Canada, got the Iraqis out of Kuwait and pushed them back towards Baghdad. It began a decade of tension between Hussein and many leaders from around the world.



In the world of sports, the early 1990's were a good time to be a Toronto sports fan. The Blue Jays brought Toronto back-to-back World Series wins in 1992 and 1993.



The Toronto Maple Leafs, led by Doug Gilmour fell just short of returning to the Stanley Cup Final after a 25 year absence. National pride ran strong in 1996 when Donovan Bailey was crowned the fastest man in the world after winning the Olympic 100 metre race.

It was the 1990's when we got our first look at a young sports phenomenon named Eldrick Woods. "Tiger", as he is called, went on to record the first of his many major tournament wins at the Masters in 1997.

Another former sports star became embroiled in what was dubbed "The Trail of the Century". O.J. Simpson led police on a bizarre chase down Los Angeles highways before finally turning himself in after his ex-wife and her companion were found murdered. After a lengthy trial a jury acquitted Simpson of the murders but he was later found guilty in a civil trial.



In 1997, Princess Diana, "The Peoples' Princess" was killed in a car crash in Paris. The news stunned many and led to an unprecedented show of support and mourning in Britain and around the world.



Comedies scored big with television viewers in the 90's. Shows like Seinfeld, Frasier and Friends topped the ratings. In Canada, Kids in the Hall and This Hour Has 22 Minutes were making us laugh.



The 1990's also saw the introduction of hits with large ensemble casts such as ER, The West Wing and NYPD Blues.

At the movie theatres, there were a succession of blockbusters such as Titanic, Jurassic Park and Forrest Gump. Toy Story, developed by Pixar Animation Studios brought the world of animated films to an amazing new level.



As the decade came to a close, attention shifted towards the new millennium. Most notably there was a deep concern over a computer bug called Y2K. Early on, many computer

programmers calculated years using only the last 2 digits. That led to millions of dollars being spent around the world preparing companies for potential computer failures when the clocks turned to 2000, but there were no reports of major failures.

## THE 2000'S

The new millennium was rung in with unrivalled fanfare unseen for the arrival of any other new year. Throughout the world, huge celebrations took place to mark the occasion. Not only was it the dawn of a new century, but there was also major concern over an anticipated computer bug known simply as Y2K. Companies spent millions preparing their computers for when the year turned to 2000. For the most part the feared Y2K computer bug did not materialize.



Later that year George W. Bush was elected President of the United States over Vice-president Al Gore in the closest election in history. The race was decided by the U.S. Supreme Court after major battle ensued over the legality of ballots in the state of Florida.

The world changed forever on September 11th 2001. Al-Qaeda terrorists hijacked four planes in the U.S. Two of the jets were crashed into New York's World Trade Centre bringing them down later that morning. Another plane flew into the Pentagon and a fourth crashed into a Pennsylvania field. Almost 3,000 people were killed including a number of Canadians.



**DMCI Alumni, Ralph Gerhardt** — The 34-year-old vice-president with Cantor Fitzgerald called his parents in Toronto, just after the first plane hit the north tower. "Something just happened at the WTC. We either got hit by a bomb or plane. I am OK. We are OK. I love you, but I have to go now. We are evacuating. Call you later," Gerhardt said in a message to his father, Hans. But no more calls came after his son said he was going to look for his girlfriend, who was also killed. His father described him as a very family-oriented man who was very close to his parents.

The U.S. launched "The War on Terror" and later that year invaded Afghanistan in an attempt to apprehend the Al-Qaeda leadership and remove the Taliban government. Canada would join the effort and be stationed in one of the most dangerous parts of the country. As of 2009, more than 100 Canadian soldiers have lost their lives.

In 2003, the U.S. and a few other nations invaded Iraq with the goals of eliminating weapons of mass destruction and to stop Saddam Hussein's support of terrorism. Three weeks after it began, the forces had captured Baghdad. Hussein would be found in hiding towards the end of the year but as of 2009, U.S. and military from other countries continue to have a presence there.

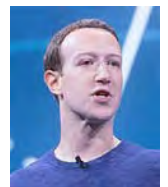
The other dominant story of the 2000's was the incredible and rapid growth of technology. It changed the way the world communicated, learned and watched.

The iPod was introduced in 2001. In less than seven years, Apple had sold more than 170 million iPods and that doesn't include the many other types of portable media players that were on the market.

Google, the name of the internet search engine, is so popular that dictionaries include it as a verb.

The capabilities of personal computers and internet grew in leaps and bounds during the decade.

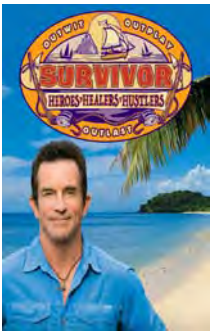
We also found new ways to communicate with each other through the introduction of social networking sites. Facebook was started by a Harvard student in 2004. By 2009, it had 175 million active users.



My Space attracted over 100 million users in three years. Then there is YouTube, the video sharing website. The first video was posted on April 23, 2005 with the official launch of the website occurring later that year. By January 2009, six billion videos were viewed on YouTube in one month and more than 15 hours of video were uploaded every minute. The bandwidth utilized by YouTube in 2008 equalled the entire amount available to the internet in 2000.

The internet began challenging television for views but

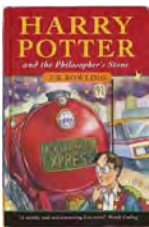




the decade saw the introduction of a new trend in television called Reality TV. The earliest and biggest hit was a show called Survivor but it was joined by a cast of dozens including the Amazing Race, The Apprentice and Big Brother.

Other popular shows

in Canada included The West Wing, 24, Little Mosque on the Prairie, CSI, Corner Gas and Canadian Idol to name just a few.



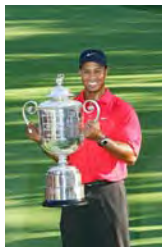
The Harry Potter series of books became wildly popular amongst young people and adults alike as did the subsequent movies.

During the 2000's, sales of video games overtook movies for the first time. Still people continued to flock to theatres. Advances led to a whole new genre of computer generated movies for kids and adults alike such as Shrek, The Incredibles and Monster Inc.

The 2000's marked a decided shift in the world's economic order. China underwent incredible economic growth making it a major force. India too, had moved its economy into the stratosphere of economic powers.

Late in the decade, a credit crisis in the United States spun out of control and within months it had impacted the entire world. It thrust the world economy into the worst depression since the Great Depression in 1929. Millions lost their jobs and major companies with long histories were bankrupt or came very close to it.

In sports, the NHL lost an entire season (2004-2005) to a strike leaving Canadians with a deep void during a long winter.



The decade saw some athletes completely and utterly dominate their sports including stars such as Tiger Woods, Lance Armstrong, Michael Schumacher and Michael Phelps.

Extreme sports, traditionally considered on the fringe, became more popular. Mixed Martial Arts challenged and then surpassed boxing and wrestling in popularity.

But perhaps the main underlying theme of sports in the 2000's was athletes caught cheating using performance enhancing drugs. This was no more apparent than in the Olympics but the taint of scandal quickly touched football and lost notably Major League Baseball where many prominent names are exposed for using steroids or were strongly suspected of doing so.

The 2000's did not bring along a major shift in fashion. Young people continued to wear the various styles of the 90's. There was no one fashion statement that defined the decade. In general, baggy clothes were in for the early part of the decade and hairstyles tended to be longer rather than shorter. As the years progressed, the clothes tended to get a little tighter and the hair a little shorter.



The decade saw three Canadian Prime Ministers. After Jean Chretien retired, he was replaced by Paul Martin. But the Liberal party's long rule in government came to an end when a unified conservative right, led by Stephen Harper, won two subsequent minority governments.



In 2003, Dalton McGuinty was elected premier of Ontario and then in 2007 he won a second majority government which is a feat no Liberal had accomplished in the province in the more than 70 years.



Mel Lastman, who had been the Mayor of North York since 1972 and then Mayor of the amalgamated City of Toronto, retired. In 2003, David Miller won the subsequent election and was re-elected in 2006.

### FROM 2010 - 2019



In 2010, Canada hosted the Winter Olympics. A suspected ringleader of Islamic extremist group was jailed for life for the plot to bomb the Toronto

stock exchange. In June of 2010, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission begins hearings into policy which forced indigenous people to abandon their cultural identity. Haiti is struck by a devastating earthquake. | The longest solar eclipse of the 3rd millennium occurs. | Apple debuts the iPad.



| The Constellation Program is essentially cancelled. | The worst marine environmental disaster in US history. | Scientists create synthetic life. | One-fifth of Pakistan is flooded. | Solar power is plunging in cost. | Augmented Reality is entering the mainstream. | Macular degeneration is curable. | The first demonstration of solar-sail technology. | Scientists trap antimatter. | Speech-to-speech translation is common in mobile phones. | Robotic manipulation of non-rigid objects. |

In **April, 2011**, a Toronto policeman's remark that women can avoid rape by avoiding dressing like "sluts", prompts a global phenomenon: a slutwalk protest.

In December, Canada became the first country to formally withdraw from the Kyoto Protocol on reducing emissions of greenhouse gasses. Japan is devastated by a 9.0 magnitude earthquake and tsunami. | The death of Osama bin Laden. | Worsening economic crisis in Greece. | The world's first synthetic organ transplant. | South Sudan becomes an independent nation. | The Space Shuttle fleet is retired. | USB 3.0 is



widely available. | 22 nanometre chips enter mass production. | Consumer-level robotics are booming. | World's first commercial spaceport. | China's Three Gorges Dam is fully operational.

In **September 2012**, one person was killed in a shooting at a victory rally in Montreal for the separatist Parti



Quebecois, which was projected to win provincial polls in Quebec. The Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II. | Euro 2012 is held in Poland and Ukraine. | London hosts the Olympic Games. | Mars Science



Laboratory explores the Red Planet. | Voyager I crosses

the heliopause. | Windows 8 is released. | Quad-core smartphones and tablets. | The Abraj Al-Bait Towers are completed in Mecca. |

The Mayan calendar reaches the end of its current cycle.

## **2013**

North Korea conducts its third nuclear test. | A meteor explodes over the Russian city of Chelyabinsk. | The first creation of human embryonic stem cells by cloning. | The NSA documents are leaked. | Birth of a royal baby. | China overtakes the USA in scientific research. | The Lunar Atmosphere and Dust Environment Explorer (LADEE) is



launched by NASA. | The first gene therapy in the Western world. | Highly flexible touch sensors are appearing in a range of gadgets. | Launch of the PS4 and Xbox One. | Uruguay becomes

the first nation to allow full legalisation of cannabis. | China's first unmanned Moon landing. | The Gaia mission is launched. |

**August 2014**, Canada launched a mission to map the Arctic seabed, in support of its bid to extend its territory up to the North Pole. In October, Canada joined the US-led coalition



carrying out air strikes against Islamic State militants in Iraq. Two Islamist-inspired terrorist attacks - one in Quebec and one at Parliament Hill in Ottawa - left two Canadian soldiers dead. In February, the Supreme Court ruled that doctors can provide medical help in euthanasia cases, reversing a ban imposed in 1993.

Latvia joins the eurozone. | The first gay marriages are held in England and Wales. | Google Glass is launched to the public. | Brazil hosts the FIFA World Cup. | The 100th anniversary of

World War I. | 14 nanometre chips are released. | Scot-





land votes "no" to independence. | The MAVEN probe arrives at Mars. | India's first Mars mission. | The global average Internet connection is broadband. | A comet passes extremely close to Mars. | Increased automation in retail environments. | The new World Trade Center is opened. | The European Single Supervisory Mechanism (SSM) is operational. | The Rosetta probe deploys its lander on comet 67P. | The first test flight of NASA's Orion spacecraft. | Laser guns are in naval use. | Smart watches are the latest must-have gadget. | NATO ends combat operations in Afghanistan.



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Completion of the Panama Canal expansion project.<sup>99</sup> | Microchipping of all dogs in England. | Euro 2016 is held in France. | Rio de Janeiro hosts the Olympic Games. |

Supercomputers reach 100 petaflops. | The Juno probe arrives at Jupiter.<sup>100</sup> | The world's largest single-aperture telescope is completed in China. | The mining industry is highly automated. | Agricultural robots are increasingly common on farms. | High-definition CCTV cameras are ubiquitous. | OLED displays are in widespread use. | China completes the largest environmental clean-up in its history | Polymer banknotes are introduced by the Bank of England.



In **October 2015**, Liberals under Justin Trudeau, the son for former prime minister Pierre Trudeau, returned to power with a large win over the

Conservatives. Lithuania joins the Eurozone. | The Eurasian Union is formed.



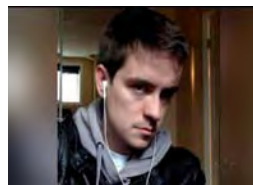
| Expo 2015 is held in Milan, Italy. | The Large Hadron Collider reaches its maximum operating power. | The first self-regulating artificial heart. | A new generation of hi-tech supercarriers. | Queen Elizabeth II is the longest reigning monarch in British history. | Personal biometric scanners for online banking. | Windows 10 is released by Microsoft. | The Dawn probe arrives at Ceres. | The New Horizons probe arrives at Pluto. | Electric car ownership reaches 1 million worldwide. | Trucks with emergency braking systems are mandatory in Europe.



Donald Trump wins the United States Presidential Election.



**January 2017** saw French-Canadian student Alexandre Bissonnette



charged over the shooting of six Muslims at a mosque in Quebec. In **October**, the government said it would pay compensation to thousands of indigenous people

who were taken from their families as children to be brought up by primarily white middle-class families decades ago. Total solar eclipse in the US. | The JFK files are released. | Sales of electric and hybrid trucks reach 100,000 annually. | 10 nanometre chips enter mass production. | Web-connected video devices exceed the global population. | Electronic paper is seeing widespread use. | Wireless, implantable devices that monitor health conditions in real time. | A new treatment for prostate cancer. |

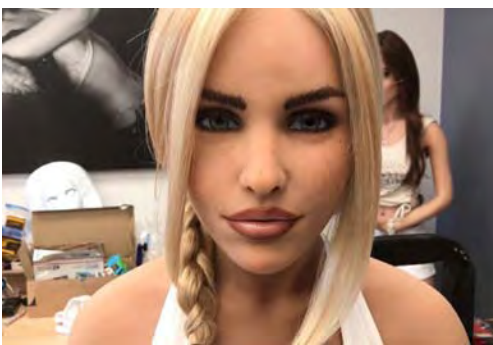


In **October 2016**, Canada signed a free trade agreement with the European Union.





In **October 2018**, the US, Canada and Mexico reached a new trade deal to replace the current North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). The United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) gives the US greater access to Canada's dairy market, and allows extra imports of Canadian cars. South Korean city Pyeongchang hosts the Winter Olympics. | Launch of the Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite (TESS). | Russia hosts the FIFA World Cup. | East Africa's largest ever infrastructure project. | The Japanese Hayabusa-2 probe arrives at 1999 JU3. The Transbay Transit Center is opened in San Francisco.



Sex robots are launched.

The NHS begins high-energy proton therapy in England. | Enterprise-grade SSDs reach 100TB of

capacity. | InSight touches down on Mars.



## GRAMMY SONGS OF THE YEAR

1959	"Volare"	Domenico Modugno
1960	"The Battle of New Orleans"	Johnny Horton
1961	"Theme of Exodus"	Instrumental
1962	"Moon River"	Henry Mancini
1963	"What Kind of Fool Am I?"	Sammy Davis, Jr.
1964	"Days of Wine and Roses"	Henry Mancini
1965	"Hello, Dolly!"	Louis Armstrong
1966	"The Shadow of Your Smile"	Tony Bennett
1967	"Michelle"	The Beatles
1968	"Up, Up, and Away"	The 5th Dimension
1969	"Little Green Apples"	O.C. Smith
1970	"Games People Play"	Joe South
1971	"Bridge over Troubled Water"	Simon & Garfunkel
1972	"You've Got a Friend"	Taylor & King
1973	"The First Time Ever I Saw Your Face"	Roberta Flack
1974	"Killing Me Softly with His Song"	Roberta Flack
1975	"The Way We Were"	Barbra Streisand
1976	"Send in the Clowns"	Judy Collins
1977	"I Write the Songs"	Barry Manilow
1978	"Evergreen"/"You Light Up My Life"(Tie)	Streisand /Boone
1979	"Just the Way You Are"	Billy Joel
1980	"What a Fool Believes"	The Doobie Brothers
1981	"Sailing"	Christopher Cross
1982	"Bette Davis Eyes"	Kim Carnes
1983	"Always on My Mind"	Willie Nelson
1984	"Every Breath You Take"	The Police
1985	"What's Love Got to Do with It"	Tina Turner
1986	"We Are the World"	USA for Africa
1987	"That's What Friends Are For"	Dionne Warwick
1988	"Somewhere Out There"	Ronstadt & Ingram
1989	"Don't Worry, Be Happy"	Bobby McFerrin
1990	"Wind Beneath My Wings" *	Bette Midler
1991	"From a Distance"	Bette Midler
1992	"Unforgettable"	Natalie and N.K. Cole
1993	"Tears in Heaven"	Eric Clapton
1994	"A Whole New World"	Bryson & Belle
1995	"Streets of Philadelphia"	Bruce Springsteen
1996	"Kiss from a Rose"	Seal
1997	"Change the World"	Eric Clapton
1998	"Sunny Came Home"	Shawn Colvin
1999	"My Heart Will Go On"	Celine Dion
2000	"Smooth"	Santana
2001	"Beautiful Day"	U2
2002	"Fallin'"	Alicia Keys
2003	"Don't Know Why"	Norah Jones
2004	"Dance with My Father"	Luther Vandross
2005	"Daughters"	John Mayer
2006	"Sometimes You Can't Make It on Your Own"	U2
2007	"Not Ready to Make Nice"	Dixie Chicks
2008	"Rehab"	Amy Winehouse
2009	"Viva la Vida"	Coldplay
2010	"Single Ladies (Put a Ring on It)"	Beyoncé
2011	"Need You Now"	Lady Antebellum
2012	"Rolling in the Deep"	Adele
2013	"We Are Young"	Fun
2014	"Royals"	Lorde
2015	"Stay with Me" (Darkchild version)	Sam Smith
2016	"Thinking Out Loud"	Ed Sheeran
2017	"Hello"	Adele
2018	"24K Magic"	Bruno Mars





## ACADEMY AWARDS FOR BEST FILM

2018 The Shape of Water (2017)  
2017 Moonlight (2016)  
2016 Spotlight (2015)  
2015 Birdman or (The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance) (2014)  
2014 12 Years a Slave (2013)  
2013 Argo (2012)  
2012 The Artist (2011)  
2011 The King's Speech (2010)  
2010 The Hurt Locker (2009)  
2009 Slumdog Millionaire (2008)  
2008 No Country For Old Men (2007)  
2007 The Departed (2006)  
2006 Crash (2005)  
2005 Million Dollar Baby (2004)  
2004 Lord Of The Rings: Return Of The King (2003)  
2003 Chicago (2002)  
2002 A Beautiful Mind (2001)  
2001 Gladiator (2000)  
2000 American Beauty (1999)  
1999 Shakespeare In Love (1998)  
1998 Titanic (1997)  
1997 English Patient, The (1996)  
1996 Braveheart (1995)  
1995 Forrest Gump (1994)  
1994 Schindler's List (1993)  
1993 Unforgiven (1992)  
1992 Silence of the Lambs, The (1991)  
1991 Dances with Wolves (1990)  
1990 Driving Miss Daisy (1989)  
1989 Rain Man (1988)  
1988 Last Emperor, The (1987)  
1987 Platoon (1986)  
1986 Out of Africa (1985)  
1985 Amadeus (1984)  
1984 Terms of Endearment (1983)  
1983 Gandhi (1982)  
1982 Chariots of Fire (1981)  
1981 Ordinary People (1980)  
1980 Kramer vs. Kramer (1979)  
1979 Deer Hunter, The (1978)  
1978 Annie Hall (1977)  
1977 Rocky (1976)  
1976 One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest (1975)  
1975 Godfather: Part II, The (1974)  
1974 Sting, The (1973)  
1973 Godfather, The (1972)  
1972 French Connection, The (1971)  
1971 Patton (1970)  
1970 Midnight Cowboy (1969)  
1969 Oliver! (1968)  
1968 In the Heat of the Night (1967)  
1967 Man for All Seasons, A (1966)  
1966 Sound of Music, The (1965)  
1965 My Fair Lady (1964)  
1964 Tom Jones (1963)  
1963 Lawrence of Arabia (1962)  
1962 West Side Story (1961)  
1961 Apartment, The (1960)  
1960 Ben-Hur (1959)  
1959 Gigi (1958)

## THE BEST OF TV COMEDIES

1959 The Jack Benny Program (CBS)  
1960 Art Carney Special (NBC)  
1961 The Jack Benny Program (CBS)  
1962 The Bob Newhart Show (NBC)  
1963 The Dick Van Dyke Show (CBS)  
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1965 Four (4) Winners "Outstanding Programming"  
1966 The Dick Van Dyke Show (CBS)  
1967 The Monkees (NBC)  
1968 Get Smart (NBC)  
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1970 My World and Welcome to It (NBC)  
1971 All in the Family (CBS)  
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1973 All in the Family (CBS)  
1974 M\*A\*S\*H (CBS)  
1975 The Mary Tyler Moore Show (CBS)  
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1978 All in the Family (CBS)  
1979 Taxi (ABC)  
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1982 Barney Miller (ABC)  
1983 Cheers (NBC)  
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1985 The Cosby Show (NBC)  
1986 The Golden Girls (NBC)  
1987 The Golden Girls (NBC)  
1988 The Wonder Years (ABC)  
1989 Cheers (NBC)  
1990 Murphy Brown (CBS)  
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1993 Seinfeld (NBC)  
1994 Frasier (NBC)  
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1999 Ally McBeal (Fox)  
2000 Will & Grace (NBC)  
2001 Sex and the City (HBO)  
2002 Friends (NBC)  
2003 Everybody Loves Raymond (CBS)  
2004 Arrested Development (Fox)  
2005 Everybody Loves Raymond (CBS)  
2006 The Office (NBC)  
2007 30 Rock (NBC)  
2008 30 Rock (NBC)  
2009 30 Rock (NBC)  
2010 Modern Family (ABC)  
2011 Modern Family (ABC)  
2012 Modern Family (ABC)  
2013 Modern Family (ABC)  
2014 Modern Family (ABC)  
2015 Veep (HBO)  
2016 Veep (HBO)  
2017 Veep (HBO)  
2018 The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel (Amazon)

## Student Memories

### 1959

\* We were the first classes into the brand new building (new lockers, new desks, everything new-beautiful!)

### 1960

\* *From Dr. Maher's Memories from the 25th Anniversary Reunion Booklet*---

*"The Day of the Locker": There was pandemonium that Monday morning when students couldn't get into their lockers. It was serious at the time, but in retrospect one can afford*



*a smile. The eight 'perpetrators' were soon unearthed. Twice they entered the school at 3:00 a.m. and, having found the Master List, interchanged locks on a wholesale basis. And we wonder why parents and teachers get grey hairs!*



\* The First Edition of April Antics, 1960, when tickets for two night performances were sold in an hour. The unforgettable opening number, music and words by Mr. Fred Oliver, was to become the SCHOOL SONG, and what a show!

### 1962

\* First football game against Vic Park. Mr. Fick leading us at half time singing "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands".

\* *April Antics (spraying water over Paul Casthope and getting it right back in my face - unscripted).*



### 1963

\* The year of the great snow storm when school was closed and we all made it to friends' houses and hung

out.

\* *Being drunk during exams.*

\* The Saturday night Teen Town dances at the bowl-

ing alley were absolutely great. We danced until we dropped.

\* *Oh What Fun We Had. Shakespeare and train rides didn't mix for some, but bunny hops up Yonge St. had us all in stitches.*

\* 6 PM Band Practise after Football Practice made for a very malodorous time. *April Antics Parties and the bodies that were never found.*



Second class with Mr. Hollowick "hello wick"... said with fondness.

\* *The day one of the girls got thrown in boy's locker change room.*

\* Images emerge from the misty past. Basketball dances, formals and semi-formals, model UN, BAND, boyfriends, Grade 13 Privileges, Geography field trips, April Antics, Band Concerts (The dreaded "Barrie Band"), The Great Locker Escapade of 64?, Pool Class (ugh!). Mr. Phillips who was kind to a math phobic, Dr. Mayer ( will you ever forget the " Guttersnipe" ). Assembly. Miss Hume and her twinkling eyes and Mrs. Scroggie who told me to write and Miss MacDonald who made me do it. A rich weave of dark and light, bright and dull, sharp and soft. The memories are a warm quilt I wrap myself in when the day is brown and life presents its blues and grays. Thank you DMCI. Lots of good memories such as the above yet plenty of residual adolescent angst remains. This makes me brilliant at what I do now in life and appreciative of the strange and protected time we had from 1960-1965.

\* *April Antics and ice cream sandwiches for lunch every day.*

\* Going to a dance at the school dressed as a cheerleader. Somehow the principal's car ended up in the hall



way of the school. Lunch. Running cross country.



*\* A bunch of us girls (10 in total) piled into my Dad's Volkswagon, drove to Mister Donut at Warden and Lawrence, piled out to the surprise of the guys that happened to be there (it was fun!). By 1969 there had been two episodes of students piling 33 into a Volkswagon (still haven't figured out how they did that).*

## 1964

The "Firecracker" incident was probably the most interesting.

*\* Excusing myself during Spare Periods to go to the washroom (to sneak a smoke), then being joined by the teacher in charge of the Spare and both of us being thrown out of the washroom by Mr. Lovick, the head custodian for smoking; "You guys know you're not supposed to be smoking in here!" Ya, right!*

*\* Arty Bell telling the boys not to "go out and try this stuff" when he was teaching Sex Ed (oops, sorry, I meant to say "Health Class").*

*\* Driving Jack Foote crazy by parking my car illegally in the parking lot. It was fun taunting you Jack.*

*\* Sports (basketball/football), April Antics, Locker Incident.*

*\* Rushing over to the Don Mills Bowl to play pool every night as soon as the 3:45 bell rang.*



*\* Mr. Killham telling us if we didn't smarten up we'd end up stacking cans in a grocery store (some of us did!); Jimmy tossing his glass eye up in the air; Nancy & Tom climbing out the music room window; Mr.*

*Ryckman's geography class; fun lunches with Nancy G., Sylvia, Nancy O, Rosemary; basketball & football games; April Antics; the dances.*

*\* The firecracker incident was probably one of the great fun times we had at DMCI. About five minutes after*

classes started, every day for about three weeks, suddenly firecrackers would ignite all over the school hallways. Dr. Maher called it "an insidious plot" and vowed to catch "the culprits". He finally did, but not before the culprits had created havoc amongst the staff as the teachers all rushed out of their classrooms to see if they could catch the perpetrators every time one went off.

*\* After school and weekends at the Don Mills Restaurant bugging 'Donny' for hamburgers, fries and a cherry coke. Sitting and talking for hours with all my school friends there.*

*\* When somebody switched all the locks on all the lockers.*

*\* The drunken trips on the train to the Stratford Festival. Not even remembering what the play was about the next morning. A certain person falling into the pond in a drunken stupor at Stratford. The silent train trip home as everybody tried to sleep it off.*



*\* I often think of our class and what happened to each of them. Who had kids...where are they? Most of us had a crush on this one girl in school. She hung out with 'the Group of Seven' at school. She was absolutely gorgeous. I took her out one night to a party and was so excited I drove the borrowed convertible right up on the lawn and took out a stop sign due to looking at her instead of the road. What a day that was! She got a big laugh out of it and that was the end of my big date ... except I got swatted with a wet towel when we were all naked in the shower the next day by one of the Group and told me to lay off his buddy's girlfriend. I had a welt for a week ... but it was worth it and I treasured the photo she gave me that night. Wow how memories just come back.*

*\* More memories: Diana Sweets after school; the Don Mills Bowl where we whiled away the hours playing*



*pool; Teen Town dances at Norman Ingram and then at the Don Mills Bowl; hours and hours either after school or on weekends at the Don Mills Restaurant where Donny and Lenny served us chips with gravy, cherry cokes, toasted Danishes and chocolate malted milk shakes; cigarettes were 33 cents a pack;*

*Don Locke's service station; P&S Burger at Shepherd and*

Leslie (opposite the Canadian Tire) where we used to go for late night hamburgers (there was only one Harvey's in Toronto back then); delivering the Toronto Star to 85 households during Hurricane Hazel (and not realizing it



was a hurricane until I got home to my weeping, worried mother who thought I'd been washed away in a flood or something); A truck wiping out the bridge on Don Mills Road south of York Mills Road which closed Don Mills Road for about two years while it was ar-

gued whether it should be paid for by North York or the Railroad as it was a railway bridge; our other favourite eateries – the Red Barn, Copper Kettle, Dairy Queen, Holima Chinese food; The Ports of Call after our Prom dances; Fran's at Eglinton and Yonge, the only restaurant open 24 hours a day; screaming down Post Road in a Bug-Eye Sprite with a modified engine at about 80 mph about 3 AM on a Sunday morning – destination – Fran's; The Sky Raiders Drum and Bugle Corps; Civitan Hockey at the Stouffville Arena and, later, at the Don Mills Arena; the Don Mills ski hill; picking up the latest CHUM chart from the record store just down from the Don Mills restaurant; dancing with Josie in the window of Kresges ('cause that's where the records were, that's why).

Let's pay homage, as well, to the original stores in the Don Mills Plaza which are still there today: Ko's, Maxwell's, Joseph's Flowers and Paul Pogue (hope I didn't forget anyone).

### 1965

\* Being the 'queen of detentions'. I christened the new bench outside the office. Dr. Maher told everyone he just knew I'd be the first.



### 1966

\* The first trip that the School Band made was to The Greenwood Center to entertain those less fortunate than we were. Mr. Abrey had prepared us, as usual, and we performed such sterling pieces as The Sound of Music and Turkey in the Straw. The most wonderful part of this venture, was to see the absolute pleasure on the faces of the audience and how disappointed they were when we finished. I know this experience gave each of us in the Band a feeling we had never experi-

enced before. Thank you Mr. Abrey for giving us this wonderful opportunity.



\* Commercial option - it got me through school.

\* My involvement in the DMCI Drama Club - going to Hart House for the Sears Drama Festival finals for the play 'You Can't Take It With You'.

Also princess - 1966 Prom Night and, last but not least, meeting my husband.

\* Mr. Pickering taught me the word "collaborator". We threw Mrs. Honey into the pool fully clothed. She then moved to Montreal.

\* Art Bell's parting words to me as I left D.M.C.I. for the navy.

\* DMCI Concert Band.

\* Cheerleading, April Antics, Prom Queen! Powder Puff Football (girls football).

### 1968

\* Rock bands playing in cafeteria as part of school elections.

\* Several of us squishing into the telephone booth in the hallway outside the Cafeteria. (David Chalmers' idea!). One of the students wearing a bean bag frog his shoulder in Mr. Thurlow's history class.

\* Playing cards during my spare period each morning with two cute girls. One of them became my beautiful wife and gave me two wonderful children.



\* Having a crush on the cute guy in math class. Two children and many years later, I'm thinking it might work out.

\* I could never think of DMCI with out remembering drowning in the pool, with my friend, Donna, as we practiced our synchronized swimming routines.

\* Playing in the senior band @ Expo '67. (Editor's Note: Sure, I leave and you guys go to Montreal. We got to



play at Edwards Gardens – so take that!!).

\* *Writing the yearbook comments for the '68 graduating class with half dozen others who were also out to get even.*



\* Band trip to Expo 67, "Diary of Anne Frank" play, working on 'Orbit'.

\* *On a cold winter's day, when almost all the boys skipped pool class and when we were called to the office, Vice-Principal Art Bell asked us if it was the "wrong time of the month".*

\* Basketball games - especially 'hero' Dave Ideans, working on yearbooks, social committee and all the "official" time off we got because of these fun activities.

\* *The Senior football team wore skirts to school to protest the girls' wearing pants!*

\* A demonstration by the male population of the school in the fall of 1968 protesting the girls being given permission to wear pants. The demonstration "led" by the football coach who had all the guys wearing dresses for a day. Kind of silly looking back, but it was a big deal in the time. Times change.

## 1969

\* *My clearest memory of being at DMCI comes from something that happened when I was in grade 13. I was part of a skit for the final assembly. My part was very small. All I had to do was show, in a funny way, how difficult it was to open up the test kits for the aptitude tests. I thought it might be funny to attack it with a knife on stage. I jumped up to pounce upon the garbage bag/test kit with my knife. Strangely, I used my left hand. I missed what I was aiming for and almost cut off the end of the little finger of my right hand. The bleeding was fast and furious, but people laughed. I had pulled some tricks over the years, people thought that this was just another trick. I surprised a lot of them the next day when I appeared with a cast.*

*The accomplishment that I am proudest of is that I will have (as of this spring) published five books in five years. I left DMCI wanting to be a writer. It took until I was 50 to publish my first book.*

## 1970

\* *Mr. Salloum's humorous film narration in Geography class.*

\* The sound of Rick Thorne's Mini Cooper S screaming down The Donway East most mornings in the middle of the National Anthem as Rick tried to make it to first period on time.



\* *Soggy meat pie, instant mashed potatoes and wilted coleslaw - all for a mere 50 cents. (Ed. Note: And our beloved Hazel!).*

\* Hanging out with school buddies, working at Dominion & going to the dances at Don Mills Bowl.

## 1971

\* *Mr. Wiley wrote "Is it virtual or reality" I finally 'get' what he was saying - I should have paid better attention in science class.*

*Fond memories of Mr. Helm's art classes-he was a great teacher and I was in a terrific class.*

*Sitting outside on the grass talking to Dennis - the value in what he was saying to me has stayed with me over all these years - I didn't listen-but I understand now the wisdom of his words.*

\* Going to Northview Collegiate for a football game and being pelted with eggs.

\* *Playing drums in the Stage Band.*

\* Day six activities - watching "Easy Rider" in the cafe.



\* *Eating my lunch in Mr. Wiley's chemistry class while he snuck out back of the classroom into the storage room for a smoke.*

## 1972

\* I remember VW hippie vans, patched blue jeans, old flannel work shirts, Greb work boots, guitars, hanging out at the donut hole, listening to the Birds, Neil Young, Joan Baez, Carol King on record albums. I

played volleyball and swam on the swim team. My very fondest memory was being in Grade 9 and being called up on stage at the year-end awards night and being presented with the student of the year award. I treasure that wonderful feeling still. I am married now with three great kids, my oldest in university, my youngest grade 7. We ranch in southern Alberta and I am an elected trustee to the ~ Livingstone Range School Board #68.

\* After meeting my wife, going over to the "Greasy Spoon" restaurant in the mall after school for pumpkin pie with whipped cream and coffee.



\* Smoking across the street at the 'wall'.

\* Building picnic tables, playing touch football, doing skits in April Antics, psychedelic dances, hikes... never a dull moment!

\* Hersh Rosenberg explaining the meaning of "fascism" to our Grade 11 History class (Mr. Schnurr).

\* Smoking and playing bridge or euchre in the washroom for 3 years with Hazel keeping her eye on the office staff and supplying ashtrays. A group of us enjoying a 'liquid lunch' shortly after legal drinking age was dropped to 18, then attending math class.

## 1972

\* The thrill and excitement of being called out of the school awards ceremony audience, onto the stage, to receive the Grade 9 Student of the Year Award. The memory and pride of the moment are still with me 27 years later!!!

\* Irene Collins' Ceramic classes and trampoline before/after class.

\* April Antics and Mr. Salloum.

\* Swim Team meets, playing euchre in cafeteria at lunch, April Antics.

\* Having 'spares' with members of the '4 club'. Jean



\* Saddest: announcement over PA that the Beatles had broke up.

\* English teacher arrested for selling drugs to students.

\* Gerry Salloum's Physical Geography classes, spraining my ankle after school in gym on the trampoline with Mac

Bury in charge, lunchtime euchre, Guys & Dolls, April Antics the year 'outhouse' opened the 2nd half (and who says String students only played classical, eh?!!) and never-to-be forgotten early morning cheerleading practices in the window hall beside the cafetorium (enthusiasm at 8 a.m.??!).

The 'Outers Club' formed (I think) in 1971/72. The club was a spin-off of programs organized by the school, and provided an avenue for outdoor training and recreation. I was president of the club in 1972/73, and we did hikes on the Highland hiking trail in Algonquin Park, hikes on the Bruce Trail, canoeing programs in Dorset and skiing at Blue Mountain. I also have (of course) fond memories of April Antics but I also have a special memory of the day Andy Slonetsky put 50 pounds of dry ice in a janitor's bucket of warm water and Prell Concentrate outside the Main Office.

\* Mr. Freisen's English class, the track, my blue Toyota.

\* Art class with Mrs. Hume, Jolly Miller, Passout, learning how to drive a motorcycle, my Datsun.

\* English teacher getting asked to leave the Staff Lounge because he had grown a pony tail and they were sure he did not teach at this (fine) school!



## 1975

\* The Grease Dance - Starring "Commander Grease" and the drop-in centre.

## 1976

\* Friday night pool hopping from school to school with the gang (including & usually starting at DMCI, until



*we were kicked out).*

\* Being snowbound with 14 guys, 3 girls and stuck overnight at Beaver Valley at Don McKenzie's trailer. Gr. 12 Band Trip to Jamaica.

\* *April Antics - stage and lighting crew.*

### 1977



\* Skipping classes & learning to play pool at the bowling alley & crazy times.

\* *Watching some little-known band named RUSH play at DMCI in '73 or '74.*



*Seeing guys on motorcycles doing wheelies on the Donway - the entire length of DMCI. Looking at pictures of athletes from the '60s in the hall outside the gym and thinking no one will EVER have hair that short again.*

### 1978

\* Playing cards on spares, misbehaving in science class, hanging out with friends.

\* *Chemistry demonstrations by Mr. Phillips. Orchestra with Mr. Burford. Errol 1978*

\* April Antics, weight room, BM football team, Peyote Day.

\* *Playing craps behind the portables with the principal and teaching staff for better grades.*

\* Writing sketches for SWET/April Antics over numerous beers.

\* *Friends, April Antics, Athens/Greece trip - swim team.*

### 1979

\* 1979 Yearbook team ('Orbit').



\* *My friend owned a mini (car), several of us were in the car at the back of the parking lot when we were all of a sudden surrounded by a bunch of guys who lifted the car and started carrying it up the steps and into the school, while we were screaming inside. It must have been quite*

*a sight!!!!*

### 1980

\* Waterpolo & swim teams.

\* *Geology field trips with Mr. Dudley Brett, volleyball team, United Way activities, Sex Education with Sue Johanson.*

\* Back in the days when video recorders were relatively new, Mr. Salt (gym teacher during early eighties) video taped the x- country team so that we could watch our style and work on improvement. As we are watching we can hear Mr. Salt saying odd remarks ("bonehead", "goofball") under his breath and a few choice words about his freezing cold fingers. He had forgotten that technology had moved into audio/visual not just visual. It was funny for us anyway.



### 1982

\* *Gerry Burford's music classes (Monty Python included), fighting (fake) with Neal Spill in the hallways and having the teachers come out to break it up.*

\* Mr. Oakley's 'Diefenbaker' and Mr. Aitken's 'tribal experience'

### 1983

\* *Slide show during the sports award banquet. My best friend inserted a photo of contestants at a Miss Nude contest. All they were wearing were high heel shoes. He was suspended the next day for the prank but got on a local radio station and the Toronto Sun for his 15 minutes of fame...*

\* Hanging out in the centre stairwell (which is no longer there!!).

### 1985

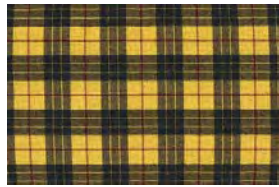
\* *Apple fritter fights on the DMCI Swim Team with Jim L'abbe. "Salt Weekend" and Pestell's soggy french toast.*

## DMCI SCHOOL CHEERS



### BLACK, GOLD, WHITE

Black, gold, white  
Black, gold, white  
Go, go team, let's really fight  
Kick 'em high, tackle low,  
Come on team, let's really  
go,  
D-O-N-M-I-L-L-S  
Yea, Don Mills!



### TRAIN

We've got the team  
We're not so slow  
Are you ready?  
Let'er go!  
S-s-s-boom!  
D-O-N-M-I-L-L-S  
D-O-N-M-I-L-L-S  
Yea, Don Mills!



### FIGHT

The team was in a huddle  
The captain lowered his head,  
They all got together,  
And this is what they said;  
'We gotta F-I-G-H-T  
We gotta F-I-G-H-T  
We gotta F-I-G-H-T  
We gotta fight team, fight team,  
Fight! Fight! Fight!

## GIVE US A "D"

We've got a real cool school  
We've got a real hot team  
So come on Don Mills  
Show'em some steam!  
Give us a - D  
Give us a - O  
Give us a - N  
Give us a - M  
Give us a - I  
Give us a - L  
Give us a - L  
Give us a - S  
What've we got - Don Mills  
Louder - Don Mills  
Louder - Don Mills



### TEAM

We've got a TEAM  
That's on the BEAM  
We've got a team, that's on  
the beam,  
They're really hep to the jive  
So, come on, Don Mills,  
Skin'em alive  
Yea, Don Mills!





# A Vignette of Don Mills Memories



1853 First  
Brick School  
at Don



Lawrence  
Avenue and  
The Donway  
West

Band Trip to  
Jamaica



The  
Outdoor  
Don Mills  
Plaza



Margaret E. McKelvey

The  
(in)Famous  
Don Mills Bowl  
and Billiard  
Hall



We All  
Remember The  
Beer Store  
(or Brewers  
Retail as it was  
called then)



Don Mills  
Theatre



The  
Dominion  
Store



Russ Walkden

The  
DVP  
Rainbow  
Tunnel

