



BCSD ALUMNI

BRITISH COLUMBIA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

VISION STATEMENT

The Association strives to further the well-being of BCSD and its alumni by maintaining the interest of the Association and celebrating Deaf heritage and culture.

Congratulations to BCSD High School Graduates!

BCSD Alumni Association (BCSDAA) wishes to congratulate the 13 BCSD High School students that graduated last June 2019. Doug Lambert on behalf of BCSDAA attended the graduation ceremony to present pins and Alumni Membership certificates to each graduate student. Welcome aboard to the BCSDAA!



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How Was Alumni Founded?

[Copy of *Our Alumni is Formed* by Mr. J. Fletcher]

September 4, 1955 was a happy day at the school. It dawned bright and sunny with a clear blue sky. The buildings were bright and shining too, as former pupils began gathering at 10 A.M. for registration.

About 10:45 Dr. MacDonald opened the meeting with an amusing and interesting speech of welcome. Miss Blake told of the happiness it gave to see so many present to form at last, an alumni association. For several years many of us had talked about having a get-together and at last it had happened. Miss Blake wished the new club every success and hoped it would soon reach one hundred per cent membership. It is the first alumni association of the deaf in Canada and chalks up another first for the Jericho Hill School.



Dr. MacDonald

Discussion as to fees followed and it was decided to collect fifty cents a year from members. It was also decided to have an alumni news page in each copy of the Totem Pole. Then twenty-five cents would pay for the five copies of the Totem Pole and twenty-five cents would go to club fees. All paid—up

members would get the Totem Pole with the alumni news five times a year.



Mabel Blake

Dr. MacDonald was unanimously elected honorary president and Miss Blake an honorary member. The election of officers resulted in Bob Barr being president, Peggy Brooker, vice-president and John Fletcher, secretary-treasurer.



Peggy Brooker (Fee)

At 12:15 group pictures were taken on the steps of Dr. MacDonald's residence and Mrs. MacDonald took colored movies as the group moved into lunch.

The buffet luncheon attractively arranged by Miss M. Donald and Miss Forrest, Assistant Nurse-Matron, was thoroughly enjoyed. Mrs. Tyler said the grace as she used to do years ago.

The following special guests were welcomed by all at the luncheon – Mrs. S.H. Lawrence, Mrs. Clarke of the Quota Club, Mr. and Mrs. E. Bond, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Withers, Mr. and Mrs. T. Westman and Mrs. Molvillo (Miss Planta).

As everyone was enjoying the ice-cream and delicious "Welcome Alumni" cake, Dr. MacDonald announced that Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fea had won the prize for the ones who had come the farthest. They had come from Spokane, Washington, U.S.A. Miss Millie Harrison won the other prize for the one who had left school the farthest back. They were surprise packages.

Peggy Brooker thanked Dr. MacDonald for giving the alumni the freedom of the school and also thanked Miss Blake and the committee for arranging the get-together and this officially closed the gathering

Most of the members had a tour of the grounds to view the new building and others were very much interested in a large book of photographs showing some of them as small children. It had pictures from 1919 to 1955.

About 4 P.M. we left for home having had a grand time and looking forward to another wonderful party next year. Be sure to come in 1956.





BINGO fundraising update

BCSD Reunion Committee sincerely appreciates the partnership of GVAD Board to support the BCSD reunion 2020 fundraising. The BINGO on May 4, 2019 was a success and everyone had FUN. TREMENDOUS appreciation goes to the following volunteers for their time and help – thank you from the bottom of the reunion committee’s heart.

Jason Berbue,

Nigel Howard

Sarah Taylor

Julie Lampitt

Bunnie Munch

Kim Woods

Rae Mairi Richardson

Douglas College Interpreter Program students

Roxy Mayall

Jeanne Durnion

Jennifer Zuvic

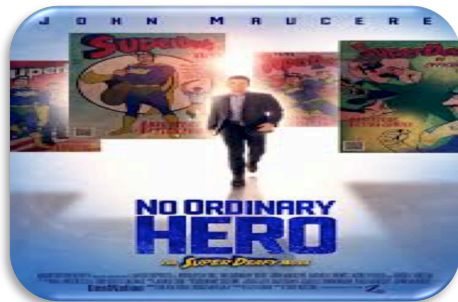
Last but not least, THANK YOU to Forrest Smith and Jonathan MacDonald for their amazing support. They have both worked hours to make BINGO a SUCCESS!! In addition, thank you to GVAD Board of Directors for allowing the reunion committee to be part of the fundraising.

Next BINGO event is October 19, 2019

BCSD Alumni Reunion Schedule & Registration

Thursday May 28, 2020

- 12pm Registration at Anvil Theatre, New Westminster
- 1pm *No Ordinary Hero* movie
- 3pm Q & A with John Maucere
- 5pm Dinner on your own
- 7pm The John Maucere Show



Friday May 29, 2020

- 12pm Open House & Registration at BCSD High School
- 1pm SuperDeafy at BCSD High School
- 7pm Deaf Celebration: John Maurece as Master of Ceremonies at Anvil Theatre, New Westminster
- 830pm Wine & Cheese



Saturday May 30, 2020

10am BCSDAA Annual General Meeting – BCSD High School (be there at 9:30 am to register)
6pm Banquet at Hilton Hotel, Metrotown

Master of Ceremonies



Avonne Brooker-Rutowski, 85'

Performer



John Maurcere

Full combo

~~\$175 before September 1 2019~~
\$200 before December 1 2019
\$225 before April 1 2020

Individual tickets (must purchase before March 1 2020)

\$50 - May 28 events
\$75 - May 29 events
\$100 - May 30 events

To register, please click on the link:

[BCSD-REUNION2020.eventbrite.ca](https://bcsd-reunion2020.eventbrite.ca)

Need help? Please contact Jennifer Zuvic jenreunion2020@gmail.com



***"Though our branches grow in different directions,
our Deaf roots remain as one."***

BCSD Reunion 2020 Committee



Jascine Peterson
Hospitality



Jennifer Zuvic
Registration



John Warren
Public Relations



Doug Lambert
Open House/Tour



Paolo Serena
Treasurer



Diana Tarchuk
Chairperson



Patrick Tarchuk
Event Planner



Forrest Smith

Questions? Please contact anyone from the committee.

To register through Eventbrite:

http://deafbc.ca/archives/17508?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+Deafbccq+%28DeafBC.ca%29&fbclid=IwAR3A1mi1DB5lkh5Q-g9KN0Huuq21gUvbmNEluzu_styq7E1E4u9buZiggr

Or, email jenreunion2020@gmail.com for alternative registration

See you on May 28 – 30, 2020

BCSDAA Board of Directors *till May 2020*

President - Rob Barr

Vice President - Jascine Peterson

Secretary - Diana Tarchuk

Treasurer – vacant

Archives Director – Doug Lambert

Membership Director – Jeanne Durnion

Directors at Large – Ian Macalister, Roxy Mayall & Carla Yager

IMPORTANT

We need to fill the treasurer position immediately. The position is good until next AGM on May 30, 2020.

If you're interested in becoming a treasurer, please contact

Rob at rsbarr@shaw.ca or Jascine at

jaz_peterson@hotmail.com