



# Notre Dame High School Alumnae

## Reunion 2006

The annual reunion will take place on Friday, October 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium at Notre Dame 12 Malvern Avenue 416-393-5501

### Highlighted years:

- 1946 - 60<sup>th</sup>
- 1956 - 50<sup>th</sup>
- 1966 - 40<sup>th</sup>
- 1976 - 30<sup>th</sup>
- 1986 - 20<sup>th</sup>
- 1996 - 10<sup>th</sup>

We look forward to seeing you!

## Annual Notre Dame Reunion 2005

The 2005 annual Notre Dame reunion brought out a great number of alumnae as well as many teachers who taught at Notre Dame in the past. Several teachers who are presently teaching at Notre Dame High School were there too. This was one of the best attended reunions since the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the school. We truly had something wonderful to celebrate that evening as we recognized the anniversary of Sister Corrigan's 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee as a C.N.D. Many of the women who attended the evening were there specifically to celebrate with Sister Corrigan in recognition of her golden jubilee which took place in May 2005.

The evening began with Angela Farrell (1975 and N.D. Chaplain) inspiring us all with her para liturgy. Afterwards, the alumnae Executive presented Sister Corrigan with a token of appreciation for her many years of sacrifice and dedicated serviced to Catholic Education as a C.N.D.

Many "anniversary" years attended and they all enjoyed an evening of reminiscing a well as strolling through the hallowed halls of the school. Several of the women had not been back to Notre Dame since they graduated and it was a wonderful time of sharing memories and rekindling old friendships. It was fantastic to see such a large turn out of teachers who contributed so much to our lives when we attended Notre Dame High School. The combination of alumnae and staff brought so much joy and excitement to the reunion.

The winner of the 50/50 draw was Mary Jane (Lalor) Gowans (1971). Notre Dame High School is celebrating its 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year and we hope the annual alumnae reunion will continue to grow in attendance We are looking forward to seeing all who attended last year's reunion as well as some new faces. Please get the word out to all your friends and relatives who are a part of the Notre Dame Community.

Bonnie Riggs Gibbs (president, 1971)

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### Keep Us Informed!

Are you moving? Have you recently graduated, won an award, married, become a parent or grandparent? Let us know and we will print your news in the next issue of the Alumnae Newsletter. Please be sure to include your year.

### Get Involved in Your Alumnae Association!

Be a vital part of the process that helps keep the Alumnae and school connected by becoming a Class Chair. Keep in touch with your year mates and pass along photos and stories to share with all of us. To become a class chair contact:  
Bonnie Gibbs (416) 757-8733



# Pictures from the Annual Reunion Oct. 14, 2005



Class of 1985  
20th Anniversary



Class of 1975 — 30th Anniversary



Class of 1965 — 40th Anniversary



Some of the Alumnae Executive



Past and present N.D. Staff



C.N.D and former N.D. Staff





Sister Lucille  
Corrigan celebrates  
50 years as a C.N.D

## CND Jubilarians

Notre Dame High School joins with the Congregation of Notre Dame to celebrate the Jubilee of five wonderful women.

Two of our former teachers celebrated 60 years of Religious life. Mother St. Agnes/Sr. McKenna taught Science and Chemistry and other St. Michael Maureen/Sr. Florence O'Keefe earned the nickname "The Mad Scientist" for her efforts in the lab.

Sr. Sheila McAuliffe also celebrated her 60th Jubilee.

Sr. Helen Frechette, a graduate of Notre Dame, celebrated her 50th Jubilee. Sr. Frechette, a former Business and Typing teacher was also our Bursar and ran the tightest Chocolate Bar campaign in the world!

Sr. Elise Corriveau celebrated 25 years as a CND, in addition to her time in another community for a total of 50 years of religious life.

To these and all the Jubilarians, congratulations! Your dedicated service to our school and to the CND community made our life here at ND possible.

## NDHS Class of '56 Reunion

The class of '56 celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their graduation on June 3/2006. Sounds of laughter and squeals of joy dominated as 56 women (graduates, friends and special guest, Mother St. Agnes/Sr. McKenna, hugged, sang and reminisced.

Women came from Guatemala (Sr. Joan Lewis, CND), Texas, California, BC, Florida, Quebec and all over Ontario to catch up with old friends and relive fond memories. After Grace led by Sr. McKenna, rousing renditions of Mother Beloved and the school song were sung.



Entertainment was provided by *The Coeds* (Pauline Mallais and Lorraine and Doreen Taunton) who announced the group's name change to *The Grads*, a name perhaps more suitable for Old Age Pensioners. The crowd clapped and roared its whole-hearted appreciation.

A good time was had by all, who agreed with Eileen Lee's assertion that we were indeed privileged to have been taught by those wonderful women we called "mother".



There are plans to get together again, soon, before another 50 years flies by.

Eileen (Lee) Lee 56  
Eleanor (Thomson) Stephen-Ritchie 56  
Brenda (McKee) Lang-Fine 56



Sr. Meagher, Sr. Freschette, Sr. Corrigan,  
Sr. Power, Sr. Martin



In the spirit of Marguerite Bourge-  
oys, help beautify the front of Notre  
Dame High School. If you can spare  
some perennial white daisies from  
your garden, please bring them with  
you to the Open House on October 13  
or contact Doris Cecchini at 416-698-  
1459.



# ALUMNAE NEWS: Where are they now?

## THE FORTIES

- **Margaret (Freschette) Couch (1944)** is enjoying retirement and spends the winters golfing in Florida
- **Lucille (Alaine) Gunderson (1944)** lives in Greenville, Michigan where she keeps busy volunteering with seniors. She has been widowed twice and takes comfort in her family.

## THE FIFTIES

- **Eleanor (Thomson) Ritchie-Stephen (1956)** has 4 children and 2 grandchildren. She stayed home with her children for 17 years and got very involved in volunteering for various organizations. In 2003 she was awarded the Queen's Jubilee Medal for all her years of volunteering. She continues her volunteer work while working part time for CIBC.
- **Brenda (McKee) Lang-Fine (1956)** is married and the mother of 3, Maria, Richard and Dan. She has 4 grandchildren, William, Sara, Hana and Danny, aged 6 months to 21 years. She was a primary teacher with the Metropolitan Separate School Board then from 1968-1975 she lived in Vancouver. She has been a real estate agent since 1979 and is currently with Royal LePage Real Estate.
- **Eileen (Lee) Lee (1956)** retired from a career in recreation. Gord and she celebrated 45 years of marriage last May. They have 2 children and 5 grandchildren.

## THE SIXTIES

- **Donna Rose C.N.D. (1962)** began teaching in Ottawa then in Cornwall and Kingston. She was V.P. at Notre Dame in Toronto and went on to become principal when Sr. Corrigan left. After getting her MBA in Southbend, Indiana, related to religious orders, she worked in Ottawa as bursar for the Ontario CND's. She has been working in Halifax for the past 6 years as bursar for Ontario and the Maritimes. In 2007 she will be working in Montreal as bursar for the entire C.N.D. order.
- **Gail Ferguson (1966)** has retired from the City of Toronto Public Health Dept. She cares for an elderly aunt and enjoys golfing and curling.
- **Suzanne (Clancy) Cecchini (1967)** has been a teacher with the Toronto Catholic District School Board for many years. She is married and has 2 children in university.

## THE SEVENTIES

- **Anne Mare (Creamer) Neadles (1972)** is an executive

with the Bank of Montreal. She is married with 3 children. Her two sons attend York University and her daughter is working and is moving to Calgary.

- **Sylvia (DeDominicis) Consoli (1974)** is married and has 4 children. She lives in Markham and has her own Conceriege business. In her spare time she enjoys gardening and cooking.
- **Rosemary (Speciale) Beckstead (1974)** recently retired from Bell having won numerous awards for her outstanding work in security, working alongside the York Regional Police. She is married with 2 children.
- **Besi (Lorefice) Manzo (1974)** is the intake co-ordinator at Westpark Medical Clinic. She is married with 2 sons. She enjoys pottery in her spare time .
- **Josie (Cerqua) Ferrari (1974)** is married with 2 children and the proud grandmother of her first grandchild. She moved to California shortly after graduation and she and her husband own and operate an Italian restaurant.

## THE EIGHTIES

- **Josie (D'Orazio) Mallia (1984)** works as a secretary with the Toronto Catholic District School Board. She has been married for 17 years and has 2 children aged 12 and 15.
- **Rose (Novia) Caporicco (1984)** is a teacher and has been married for 16 years. She has 2 children aged 10 and 12.
- **Kelley (Seyffert) Carpino (1986)** is the mother of 3 boys aged 4, 7 and 9. She is an active volunteer in her community.

## THE NINETIES

- **Leanne Yates (1998)** has graduated from McMaster University and is now finishing her physiotherapist practicum. She will begin work this November as a physiotherapist in Whitby.

## 2000'S

- **Kristen Morrison (2001)** has graduated from the University of Toronto with an Honours Bachelor of Arts and Science. She is presently in teacher's college at Daemen College in Buffalo. She will graduate with a Masters of Teaching.
- **Katie Morrison (2002)** has graduated from Brock University with a Bachelor of Recreation and Leisure. She recently spent 2 1/2 weeks in Africa building homes with Habitat For Humanity.



## A FOND FARWELL TO MARY FERRON

Mary Ferron, alumnae, teacher, Jill of all trades has retired from Notre Dame.



Mary has dedicated her entire career to Notre Dame. She has helped students plan their careers and ensured that they had the necessary credits to achieve their goals. For teachers, she has been the magician who could untangle and simplify the complexity of time tabling messes. She has been recognized as having a memory like a "bear trap". For many, she has been the only port in a storm and supported them through personal or academic crises.

Many of us alumnae owe our successful careers to Mary's interest, timeless effort, and perseverance.

Mary has created a position that will be hard to fill. Who else could become the heart and soul of Notre Dame? Thank you and God Bless.

Georgina Farrell Chapman (1965)

### From the Hallowed Halls...

Our Christmas Basket tradition lives on and on and on.

In an effort to continue supporting our current students a group of retired teachers make their own donation each December. Olha Zelenyj initiated this project, which is generously supported by the whole group.

If you would like to be a part of this Christmas project, your non-perishable food items would be gladly accepted at the school in early December.

### Congratulations to this year's winners of the Alumnae Graduation Awards.

**Leah Brown** – Notre Dame Alumnae Ste. Marguerite Bourgeoys Award in Family Studies.

**Laura Fischer** – Notre Dame Alumnae Award for Personal Achievement

### We Remember...

The Notre Dame family has lost several women who throughout the course of their lives exemplified the best of what Notre Dame taught.

**Frances Cuda (Sgambelluri) '76** died peacefully with her family by her side on March 23, 2006. Francis is survived by her parents and her brother. Frances was the loving wife of Angelo and dear mother of Paolo and Caterina.

## Notre Dame High School

Invites  
The Women of the TCDSB Community to

### Girls Night Out

Health and Wellness Event for Women

on

**Friday, October 20, 2006**

6:30 - 9:30 pm

Guest Speaker

**Dr. Karyn Gordon**

'Lost in Translation'

*Raising Healthy Teens in an Age of Overindulgence & Bridging the Gap*

One of Canada's Leading Authorities on Understanding Youth, Dr Gordon is also a Radio Talk-Show Host for 'Bridging the Gap' on *New-talk* 1010 CFRB, Sundays 7-8 pm. We are delighted to bring this special speaker to our special event. Come and be a part of this wise, wonderful evening and take part in some of our workshops, visit our booths, have your photo taken and just enjoy spending time with your mother/daughter/ sister/friend/mentor!

Here are some of the offerings:

*Health and Wellness Workshops*

*Community Resource Booths*

*Digital Photo shoots with that special woman in your life*

*Cafe offering food and refreshments*

*Karaoke Door Prizes Raffle Tickets*

Advance tickets go on sale: September 21 Curriculum Night

October 12, Post-Secondary Information Evening

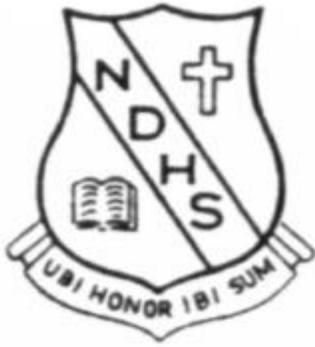
Cost: 2 tickets for \$8.00 or 1 ticket for \$5.00

**All proceeds support**

**The Notre Dame High School Student Nutrition Program**

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**Alumnae Executive**

- Bonnie Riggs Gibbs (1971)
- Doris Cecchini (1974)
- Lorraine Treacy (1979)
- Eileen Power CND (1961)
- Virginia Emerson (1965)
- Georgina Farrell Chapman (1965)
- Bernadette Farrell (1975)
- Angela Farrell (1975)
- Barb Jones Storey (1965)
- Mary Ellen Creamer (1972)
- Louise Shrubsole (1972)

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL:**

Send cheque for \$15.00  
made payable to:  
**N.D. Alumnae Assoc.**  
to  
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**78 Parkview Hill Cr.**  
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Please include your  
name, maiden name,  
address, phone,  
year of graduation,  
and your occupation

We Believe...

Our prayers and support have the power to help our community to heal and find comfort.

**Noteworthy:**

**Welcome to:**

**Father John Newton**, the new pastor of St. John Church (a Neil McNeil grad!)

**Our Sympathies to the families of:**

**Bonnie (Riggs) Gibbs '71**, whose father passed away on February 16, 2006. Bumpa to Noelle, Danielle and Genevieve Gibbs.

**Kelley (Seyffert) Carpino '86**, whose brother, Robert Seyffert, (Neil McNeil, '87) died January 2005 of acute leukemia. He was a Peel Regional Police Officer for 13 years.

**In Our Prayers:**

**Sisters of the CND Community & All Alumnae**

**Your \$15 membership covers:**

- Memorial mass
- Annual reunion
- Graduation awards and reception
- Flowers for CND sisters (Christmas, Easter, special occasions)
- Newsletter

**Keep Us Up to Date!**

We are looking for current addresses for many members. Please help us make sure we have your current contact information and send in the following:

- Name & Class year
- Occupation/firm/job/title
- Address
- City, Province, Postal Code
- Telephone (residence)
- E-mail

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Memorial Mass for  
our Deceased Alumnae  
9:00 AM Saturday, November 11, 2006  
St. John Church  
794 Kingston Road  
Toronto, Ontario