



The Link

MBCI Alumni Newsletter - Keeping You Connected

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70
YEARS
1945-2015

15,512 Days Later...



Mary's First Year in 1972

Present Day

God's faithfulness over these years has been a source of strength and encouragement. I'm so grateful for having had the opportunity to work with many students, staff and parents since I started at MBCI in the summer of 1972.

Q: In 42.5 years you've had a lot of different roles at MBCI - admin assistant, teacher, development dept. - what are your most memorable moments from these years? Admin Assistant - When I first came to MBCI it was amazing to experience the care and support from the MBCI staff, admin and the board which continues to this day. Teacher - Typing/Keyboarding (began in '78) - it's inspiring to hear how, years later, the skill stayed with the students. I felt it a privilege to have had a small part in their lives. Social Studies - Being one of 12 teachers selected from across Canada to attend Forum '97 in Parliament/Ottawa was such an enriching experience! Development Dept. - The connection with alumni and parent volunteers has been of great encouragement. It's inspiring to see them give of their time and finances, many years later.. The tremendous support of our constituency never ceases to amaze me. A memory from 1972 was when science teacher, Sieg Schroeder invited the entire student body and staff to the parking lot. We put on special glasses and gazed at the solar eclipse as Winnipeg fell into darkness mid-day.

Q: What has been your favourite event that you've organized and why? Christmas/Grad/Fundraising Banquets, MBCI's 50th Anniversary Events, Golf Tournaments, Fashion Events, Grandparent Days, CAMS Conferences, are just some of the events I have assisted with organizing. There are aspects in each that make them unique and memorable - it's impossible for me to single out one event. We as a team are grateful for all the support we receive from the many volunteers and sponsors. We praise God for successes and the accomplishment when an event is done.

Q: What events have you organized? In addition to those previously mentioned ... Musicals/Dramas - Ticket Sales/Promo/Sets/Props/Costume/Cast Parties/Senior Citizen Nights, Opening Program, Open House, Alumni Newsletters, Global Focus, Canteen/Sports, Decorating for Concerts, Student Council Advisor and tasks as assigned!

Q: Looking back, there are sure to be many funny moments, but what stands out as being the most funny? It's 7:30 am, the bus is loaded and we are bound for NYC/Washington DC - America History school tour (1996). I'm the chaperone accompanying Ted Fransen. Ted makes the announcement for us to be sure to have our ID with us. I look through my bag, only to discover, I had changed purses the night before and left my papers in the other purse. It was too late to go home and get it. When it came time to cross the border, we were asked to hold up our ID cards as the border guard made his way down the bus aisle. I held up my library card in hopes that I as the adult would get overlooked. Well ... we had a great time in the States.

Q: What are your plans for retirement? Family will definitely be at the top of the list! Travel - with friends/family also runs a close second. Cruising to the Caribbean with my siblings this winter is on the horizon. Canadian East and West coast are also of interest to me. Volunteering - I will also continue to serve at my home church Elmwood MB where I'm currently involved on a worship team and caregiving. People are already lining up to solicit my services as a volunteer.

Q: What was it that kept you at MBCI for 42.5 years? I took business courses at Elmwood High (since MBCI didn't offer them). As I moved from class to class I would often walk past the office and dream of being a school secretary (MBCI would be the ultimate dream come true!). I prayed about it and when I heard they were looking for a secretary - there was my opportunity. I called Peter Peters (then principal) and we met to discuss this possibility and after board approval I got the job. The task began with many overtime hours, proving to myself that I could do the job! Staff, students and their parents, plus affirmations from my church community, all were part of the picture. In 1978, to my pleasant surprise, I was offered the opportunity to teach the Grade 10 Typing course - something I had also prayed about. One issue - I didn't have my teaching degree, so, each year the school applied for me as a 'Permit Teacher' and that continued for 13 years. By this time, I was full-time into teaching and I felt it was time to look into what it would take to get my teacher's certificate. With the encouragement of Irma Epp, I took the plunge - beginning a 7-year journey of courses at RRC and U of M to complete my Education Degree. The MBCI students and parents were incredibly supportive. It has been great to work in a faith-based environment. There have been challenges, including the passing of a number of students and colleagues. However, the Lord is faithful!

Along with my teaching, I was involved in the Development Dept. In 2011, when two positions became vacant I was asked if I would be willing to go full-time into Alumni, Church Relations, and Event Managing. This move ended my 36-year teaching career.

It has been rewarding to work together as a Development Team (Advancement), calling on the support of our alumni, church constituency and parents to continue kingdom-building work at MBCI. The opportunities in the job and the affirming community have kept me here.

I leave MBCI having the assurance that God placed me at the school for a time and purpose, allowing me to use my gifts to serve Him. I will retire at the end of Dec. 2014 and so I wish each and every one of you well. I look forward to seeing how God will lead both MBCI and me in the future.

Mary By the Numbers

3,600+ - Students Taught

90+ - Reunions

10 - School Trips

8 - Courses taught

4 - Typing Tools used

220+ - Colleagues

42.5 years of priceless contributions

From all the students, staff, parents and whole MBCI Community -

THANK YOU!

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Calendar of Events

Open House	Jan 27 6:30pm
Gr. 9 Day at MBCI	Feb. 3
MS Day at MBCI	Feb. 5
Jazz Evening	March 3 7:30pm
Choral Concert	Mar 17 7:30pm
Musical	April 22-25 7pm
Celebrating MBCI Benefit Dinner	May 1
High School Spring Concert	May 26 7:30pm
Middle School Spring Concert	June 2 7:30pm
Grad Ceremony NKMB	June 29 7pm

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Here & Now

We always love to hear what MBCI alumni are up to once they leave MBCI - that includes you! Have you moved? Started a new job? Added members to your family? Let us know and share with your fellow alumni! Email your update to **Lori Derksen** at lderksen@mbsci.mb.ca

1960's

Herb Buller ('60) Mark Buller ('83), Phil Buller ('92) - Congratulations on expanding your business Urban Effects by Norcraft Cabinetry (located on Springfield Rd.) and thereby doubling the businesses Winnipeg workforce from 250 employees to 500! **mu**



Erika Koop (age 95), with her family at her side, passed away peacefully on Oct 27/14. She was predeceased by her husband **John**. Among her many

gifts, talents and skills, Erika was a craft and sewing teacher at MBCI from '67-'75. She will be lovingly missed by her children: **Elvira ('66) (Harry) Finnigan, Wanda Koop (Steve Hunter), Kathy Koop ('73) (Bruce Spielman), Charlotte ('75) (Don) Livingston, Dorothy ('77) (David '75) Ryzebol, Carla ('80) (Craig) Oliphant** and their families. Erika's faith in God was her source of strength throughout her entire life! She left this world with confidence knowing she was being reunited with her Saviour and loved ones in Heaven. May God grant you His peace and comfort. **mu**

1970's



Surrounded by his loving family, **Kenneth John Epp ('73)** passed away peacefully on Oct. 14/14 due to cancer. Ken is survived by his wife, **Connie (Braun '73)**; son **Jeremy ('00)** and daughter **Karly ('03)**; parents **John and Katie (Konrad '49) Epp**; sisters **Wendi ('75) Hiebert (Murray), Christine ('77) Longhurst (John), Loreen Epp ('78)**, and many other relatives and friends. Ken graduated from MBCI in '73 and the U of W in '77. He created and taught the band program at MBCI ('77-'88). In '86 he became Exec. Director of the Manitoba Band Assoc., a position he held until his death. In addition to his work, Ken was an active member of River East MB Church, serving as treasurer for many years; worked as a basketball referee at the high school and university levels; was Chief Umpire and Convener for the Christian Men's Slo-Pitch League; and was a model railroader and railroad enthusiast, riding passenger trains across Canada as often as possible—especially to his beloved west coast mountains. May God comfort you Connie, and your family into the future. **mu**

Life Well Learned.

All students have it in them.
 At MBCI, we help them discover it.

Open House - January 27 at 6:30pm

Gr. 9 Day at MBCI - February 3 from 8:30am - 3pm

Middle School Day at MBCI - February 5 from 8:30am-3pm

Campus Tours - Book online

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POTENTIAL

PRINCIPLE

PASSION

PURPOSE





Warren Froese ('79) is survived by his loving wife **Sandy (Derksen '79)** children **Matthew ('05), Daniel ('07), Sarah ('09), James ('11)**, parents **George ('59)** and **Verna,** and brother **Murray ('81) (Teresa) Froese.** Warren went on to build a successful practice as an orthopedic surgeon and a strong reputation as a hardworking, passionate, caring, respected, and efficient professional. He enjoyed mentoring and teaching young physicians. Warren spoke highly of those he worked with and was deeply touched by the kindness of the Pan Am staff during the last year of his illness. The importance of both family and orthopedic excellence, were two traits that Warren continued to exemplify for the rest of his life. In '14, he was recognized with the Humanitarian Award from Doctors of Manitoba for his volunteer services in the Congo. Warren passed away peacefully at Riverview Health Centre on Oct 17/14, at the age of 53, after a lengthy struggle with cancer. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Sandy and family. **mu**

1990's

I have a B of Sc., but was working in an unrelated field so I decided to go back to school. I received my diploma from RRC in Medical Radiologic Technology. After graduating, I moved to Edmonton working as an X-ray Technologist at the U of A Hospital - an interesting and rewarding career. I visit home several times a year and have also traveled to some more exotic locales. In 2014, I went to Nepal and trekked to Everest Base Camp. **Megan Loewen ('97)**

After MBCI, I attended UBC on an athletic scholarship - varsity women's volleyball team ('99-'04) - captain for 3 years. In summers coached camps for Athletes In Action in Wpg., bridging the athletic/spiritual gap. After graduating with a BA (Art History/Religious St.), I worked for 2 years back in Wpg., designing kitchens and bathrooms for a custom millwork shop in town, and taking time to travel. A highlight was the 2 weeks in the Middle East. In '06 at the U of M, studying architecture for my Masters. Graduating in '10 and earning a travel scholarship I was on the road again, this time with my husband, **Aaron,** traveling to see some architectural sites in

Finland, Estonia, Germany, Turkey and the Netherlands. Seeing the cave architecture in Cappadocia, Turkey that was made by the 8-9th century persecuted Christian church was indescribable. We slept in caves, and saw entire cities carved out from the unique geological conditions of the area, some up to 60 meters below the surface. Since Nov.1, I'm currently an architectural intern, working for Architecture49. I started here in Wpg., transferring with work and moved to Ottawa fall of '12 where my husband was starting PhD studies in Sociology at Carleton U. We also had a short 2 mo. stint of work in summer of '12, with the KPMB office in Toronto. Aaron's research brought us back to Wpg, as I had just come off one year maternity leave when we had our son, **Conway Joshua,** in June/13, and we're thrilled to be expecting again in March '15!
Amy (Schroeder '99) Klassen

2000's



Haylie & I are pleased to announce that **Peter Charles Koslowsky** was born on June 17/14 at 9:07am, 7 lbs., 9½ ounces, 35 cm long, and super cute. What a miracle!
Stuart Koslowsky ('02)

Mark Pauls ('02) - (M of Sc in Climate Engineering from Danube University Krems in Austria) has recently been appointed to The U of M's Faculty of Architecture Partners Program that will investigate critical design issues facing Manitoba's built environments. "The province of Manitoba is uniquely positioned to be a leader in climatically-responsive design for our built environment. Our climate is among the most challenging in the world, but we have terrific solar and hydroelectric resources that can be leveraged to do more with less. I look forward to partnering with the Faculty of Architecture to generate further momentum for performance-based design," says Mark, Partner-in-Residence. (news.umanitoba.ca)
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After grad I went to Trinity Western U in Langley, BC for one semester and then transferred to Dordt College in Sioux Center, Iowa. While at Dordt I met my husband and the summer after grad we got married, making our home in the small town of Hull, Iowa. We have three girls, **Payton** (6) and **Anneka** (4) and **Makaya Dawn** born in Nov/14. My husband (**Aaron**) works for an Elevator and I am currently an insurance agent specializing in health and crop insurance. I was not able to make the reunion, but look forward to

the next one to catch up. When I look at the newsletter, it looks like there have been some BIG changes since grad in '04. **Kristina (Steendam '04) Vanden Bosch**

The last 10 years have not lead me far from home as I am still living in wonderful Winnipeg, MB. On the 10 year anniversary of my graduation from MBCI I received my second degree from the U of M, Doctor of Medicine. I fondly remember my time at MBCI and most of my closest friends, to this day, are fellow class of '04 graduates. **Tyler Worden ('04)**

After graduating from MBCI in '04, I've lived and worked in Banff, AB; Galway, Ireland; and London, UK, the latter where I currently reside. I completed my B.Comm (Hons) at U of M in 2009 and spent just over 4 years at TD Bank in Winnipeg in commercial banking. In '12, while travelling to visit friends in the UK, I met my now-boyfriend, which motivated my leave of absence with TD and my move across the pond a year later. I've been over here one year now working as a consultant and exploring Europe and the UK. While I'm enjoying London immensely, I look forward to returning to Canada in the coming year to resume my career with the bank and see where that path takes me.
Jessica Rempel ('04)

2010's

Congratulations to **Chris Dynowski ('10)** recipient of the U of M - Gold Medal in Engineering (Electrical) and to **Conrad Kalita ('09)** - Dean List **mu**



On Sept. 19/14 the Schulich Leader Scholarship was presented to 1st year engineering student **Alexander Czehryn ('14)**. There were 1,147 nominees from across Canada. Of these 54 applied to the U of M, with Alex being only one of two that were selected. He is known for his unshakable positive spirit, and for inspiring others to give back! Alex dreams of saving lives. He says much of his inspiration comes from watching his father cope with haemophilia. His long term goal is to be a tissue engineer. Alex says, "Tissue engineering is a new frontier I want to be part of creating solutions for the future." Having graduated from MBCI with a 99% average, suggests that he has the potential to achieve his dream. Recipients in the field of engineering are awarded \$80,000. Congrats Alex!!! (U of M Faculty of Eng.) **mu**

Send your updates, questions or comments to **Lori Derksen,** MBCI Alumni Relations & Event Manager
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For the Record

Class of 2004 - 10 Year Reunion



Back row (L-R): **Tyrone Tolentino, Carlos Mezquita, Sergei Sheptniy, Jeffrey Mathew, James Mathew, Chris Rogocki, Jordan Snyder, Kerry Wall, Ian Livingston, Alan Ahow, Carlyle Paetkau**
Front row (L-R): **Jen Hutcheon, Lana Hargreaves, Carly Baril, Laura Mathew, Lindsay Livingston, Jackie Cooney, Erin Whittaker, Colleen Friesen, Adam Friesen.**

The Class of 2004 10 year reunion took place on September 13th, 2014. The day started off with a tour of MBCI led by **Mary Unruh**. High school stories and memories quickly ensued as alumni arrived at the MBCI MPR. After some refreshments, the tour began. The alumni were impressed by all of the new additions to the school. Equally impressive was the way that some things stayed exactly

the same i.e. band room and the cafeteria. Following the tour we received our long awaited 10 year letters. The alumni that shared what they had written were amused and needless to say entertained by the contents.

The evening brought more festivities as the Class of 2004 gathered at Maw's Eatery and

Pub. It was great to find out how everyone was doing and what life was like since they attended MBCI. As a result of the great food, music and conversation everyone had a good time. Thank you everyone for coming and to Mary Unruh for helping to organize the event.
Submitted by: Jeffrey Mathew and Carlos Mesquita

Class of 1989 – 25th Reunion

"Good I love it!" Although the well-worn quote from our high school years only resurfaced once during the reunion, it was a sentiment enjoyed by those that came to see how much better looking everyone had become! Two dozen of the finest alumni 1989 had to offer enjoyed the festivities on November 14 & 15. Winn City Pub was the Friday night stop where some of the first to arrive had trouble recognizing two of the reunion's fabulous organizers, **Krista Barkman-Hiebert and Mona Scott (Ewert)**. A beverage or two was had while the reminiscing began. The stories and memories flowed well into the evening. Winn City's Golf & Hunting Simulator were huge hits while **Paul Dueck**, the third illustrious reunion organizer, was totally schooled by **Jodi Dyck** at darts.

We were honoured to have **Mary Unruh** take us on the school tour on Saturday afternoon. While we debated on the previous locations of the school library, we were amazed to see the phenomenal facilities that MBCI has to offer. We were impressed that several of our teachers, including **Fred Pauls** and **Mr. O** were now in leadership positions at "The Institute". Thanks to Mary and others who helped guide us

through the process of putting this event on and providing dessert! Cheers to the grads who came out and to those who filled out the survey and shared their stories!

More pictures and a place to connect are on our Facebook site - MBCI1989
Submitted by: **Paul, Krista & Mona**



Back Row: **Paul Dueck, Kyle Poolie, Chris Scott, Kevin Woelk, Krista (Barkman) Hiebert, Ed Wiebe, Chris Neufeld** Front Row: **Ellen Dueck, Christina (Boychuck) Poolie, Mona (Ewert) Scott, Lisa (Warkentin) Woelk, Marcus Enns, Bryan Warkentin, Miriam Warkentin**

Time to Reunite

Class of 1950

65th Anniversary Reunion
MBCI would like to host your 65th reunion! Please contact **lderksen@mbci.mb.ca** for more information.
(204.667.8210 Ext. 2109)

Class of 1955

60th Anniversary Reunion
A committee has been formed to plan for an MBCI 60th Anniversary Reunion in Spring 2015.

Class of 1960

55th Anniversary Reunion
An announcement will be circulated in January for our reunion in Winnipeg.

Class of 1965

50th Anniversary Reunion
Plans are underway to meet for our 50th Reunion. Watch for further updates.

Class of 1990

25th Anniversary Reunion
Contact **Chris Derksen** at **cgderksen@gmail.com** to express your interest in attending. Watch for FB notice.

Class of 2005

10th Anniversary Reunion
Your 10-year letters await you!
Contact – **Lori Derksen** at **lderksen@mbci.mb.ca** to show your interest in a reunion.

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CELEBRATING MBCI
BENEFIT DINNER
WINNIPEG CONVENTION CENTRE
MAY 1, 2015



Class of 1964 - 50th Reunion



1st Row (l to r): **Dr. Abraham Friesen, Henry Visch, Peter Peters**
2nd Row (l to r): **Louise (Unruh) Schaffland, Helen Boese, Pat (Loewen) Bryski, Hildi (Doerksen) Banting, Jacqueline (Klassen) Tiessen, Ruth Wiebe, Charlotte (Redekop) Holland, Leona Penner, Elisabeth (Friesen) Vensel**
3rd Row (l to r): **Wally Dick, John Thiessen, Daniel Lange, Dave DeFehr, Will Redekopp, Wally Kroeker, John Wiens, Ernie Epp, Ann Wiens**
Attended (but missing from picture): **Linda (Klassen) Binding, Abe Kasdorf, Linda (Pauls) Oakley, Vic Wall**

Class of 1954 - 60th Reunion



Back Row L to R - **Grace Kroeker, Abe Loewen, Agatha Bock, Irwin Koop, Eleanor Unger, Dorothy Huebert, Louise Enns, Mary Reimer, Edith Schmidt** Front row L to R - **Leonard Mann, Ruth Wiens, Elfrida Penner, Mary Dyck**

Twenty-two people gathered to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Class of '54 reunion held on August 28/14. We started the afternoon with delicious freshly baked platz made by **Herta Unruh**. [Mary Unruh's mother]. This set the tone for an enjoyable afternoon.

Some time was spent getting reacquainted and caught up with each others lives. We are getting older and so our musings included many happy events as well as some sad notes. However the competitive spirit had not changed as was evident by the lively board games that followed.

Another highlight included a tour of the school guided by the principal **Fred Pauls**. The campus has expanded dramatically. So much has changed! This included the impressive library, the biology lab, the large multi-purpose room and much more. The tour and the explanations given by Mr. Pauls were very much appreciated. Our class purchased a personalized brick for the MBCI Legacy Walkway so we could play a small role in "paving the way for a bright future for the students of MBCI".

By now we were all ready to enjoy a delicious dinner catered by Danny's Whole Hog. This was followed by a number of classmates

On a magnificent weekend in July the class of '64 celebrated their 50th anniversary. The Winnipeg committee of eight prepared four events attended by nearly forty people.

At Friday evening's icebreaker, **Ernie & Ruth Epp** welcomed us to their home, which has a splendid view of the city: a great place to start conversations. Another classmate, **Ruth Wiebe** provided the perfect setting for a Saturday brunch. We gathered around white-clothed tables, surrounded by flowers, shaded by tall trees, and shared a fantastic feast. Friendships were renewed, and new acquaintances were made.

On Saturday night, De Luca's served dinner, but the festivities were created by the class. Continuous Powerpoint showed all of us, then and now; funny gifts and silly contests interrupted more formal speeches, while memories flowed easily. We thank former teachers, **Abe Friesen, Henry Visch, and Peter Peters** for their company and their comments.

The Sunday morning worship service brought us back to MBCI. Speakers were **Mr. John Regehr, Jackie Tiessen, and Dave DeFehr**. The class contributed generously to the "Heart of a Servant" fund, creating awards for MBCI students who serve in their community. We trust that the school will continue to nurture the educational and social experiences that we valued most at MBCI.

Submitted by Liz Vensel (Planning Committee: Pat Bryski, Walter Dick, Ernie Epp, Charlotte Holland, Wally Kroeker, Lis Vensel, Ruth Wiebe, Ann Wiens)

sharing some of their experiences. All of us are grateful for the opportunity to gather and celebrate this happy occasion. A special thanks to **Mary Unruh** for ALL her valuable help in planning this reunion.

- Submitted by Mary Reimer on behalf of the Planning Committee - Dorothy Huebert, Elfrida Penner, Mary Reimer



JOIN THE LEGACY!

Join us as we celebrate our **70-year history** by putting a brick in the MBCI Legacy Walkway! This is a meaningful way to mark a special occasion, honour a loved one or a great gift idea!

Don't miss the chance to be part of this lasting legacy! Order your personalized brick now and join over 300 celebrations already in the walkway! Proceeds go to our campus expansion – helping build a bright future for our students!

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Celebrate

MBCI's 5th Fashion Event November 5, 2014

MBCI hosted its 5th and final Fashion Event 'Celebrate'. The fundraiser was attended by 450 guests who helped raise over **\$62,000**. The proceeds of the event support MBCI's recent campus expansion, benefiting students and staff. We were also pleased to give back to the community, The Refuge (Riverwood Church) – a collection of programs that respond to the needs of at-risk and vulnerable women in the Elmwood Community. In the five years MBCI has hosted the Fashion Event, over a quarter of a million has been raised. Thank you to all the sponsors, students, parents, alumni, staff and volunteers who made this event possible!



Executive Team – **Carilyn (Friesen '83) Buller, Stefanie (Martens '88) Frischbutter, Heidi (Krueger '93) Herrod, Michelle (Enns '83) Pauls, Cathy Rempel.** Advancement Staff – **Janis Banman, Mary Unruh, Sherry Sukkau (Chair)**

Event Sponsor \$10,000

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20th Anniversary Golf Tournament

Together we were able to raise over \$46,000 for the MBCI Bursary Fund, helping students/families in financial need pursue their studies at MBCI. Special thanks to David Unruh for his many years of service as chairperson!

MBCI is also deeply committed to giving back to the community, \$2,000 will be given to the Lord Selkirk School Breakfast Program providing nutritious breakfasts to children in our local community.

MBCI Golf Committee 2014- David Unruh ('74) (Chair), Jason Braun ('89), Bill Enns ('59), Don Loewen. Advancement Team - Janis Banman, Sherry Sukkau, Mary Unruh.

EVENT \$10,000

The Hunter Group

TITLE & DINNER & BACK NINE \$6,000

Century 21 - Bachman & Associates
- David ('74) and Chris Unruh

TITLE \$5,000

Langreen (2005) Ltd.

Urban Effects by Norcraft Cabinetry
- Mark & CariLyn Buller ('83)

FRONT NINE \$2,500

Derksen Law

GOLF CART \$2,000

The Cristall Pollack Braun Group
at CIBC Wood Gundy - Jason Braun ('89)

LUNCH \$2,000

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Century 21 Bachman & Associates - David/Chris Unruh - Chris Unruh, Peter Unruh, David Unruh

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Golf & Country Club
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- Stephen Williams
Canoe Financial - Travis Jensen
DeFehr Furniture (2009) Ltd.
Perimeter Industries Ltd.
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Rod & Janet Cyr
Marketing Without Borders

PAR \$400

Ranger Insurance
- Chris Horrocks ('99)
Friends Funeral Service
Restall & Restall - Ian Restall
Quality Vending & Coffee Services Ltd.
- Jim Jackson
Wiebe Chiropractic Centre
Thor Plumbing & Heating Ltd.
Bonaventure Travel Inc.
- Michael Kroeker
Gourmet Coffee Specialists Ltd.
Mat Master
Prairie West
Invesco - Allison Darroch
Edwin W. Toews ('76)



The Hunter Group - Willy Plett, Larry Toews, Rick Koss, Bob Reimer



Langreen (2005) Ltd. - Jascha Boge Sr., Lisa Zeilstra, Hildi Boge, Krista Boge



Urban Effects by Norcraft Cabinetry - CariLyn Buller, Sandra Laninga, Sherry Sukkau, Helen Vanderwees



David Unruh (Chair) presents a gift to Neil Buller, founder and driving force behind the tournament.

BY THE NUMBERS

- 21st August 2014 - MBCI 20th Anniversary Golf Tournament Fundraiser at Larters
- 22+ Degrees with a brief drizzle, and then cloud/sun mix
- 124 Golfers enjoyed the day
- 29 Volunteers (Staff, Parents, Students and Friends of MBCI)
- 50+ Sponsors
- 3 Hole-in-One Vehicle Sponsors
- 1 Hole-in-One \$21,000 Sponsor
- Many Prize Sponsors
- Many Prizes awarded
- \$2,000 Lord Selkirk Breakfast Program contribution
- 1 Project this year - Student Bursary Fund
- \$46,000+ Proceeds from 2014 Golf Tournament
- Priceless - The on-going encouragement of our many supporters!

Where are They Now?



David H. Peters ('79) (MD, MPH, DrPH) - is a specialist in international health systems – a Professor and Chair of the Department of International Health and Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Over the last 20 years, David also worked as a policy advisor, researcher, educator, bureaucrat, manager, and clinician in developing countries.

In November/14, David was being interviewed on CBC. David (back row, second from left) is shown with U.S. **President Barack Obama**. David and other medical professionals were praised for helping to fight the Ebola Virus in West Africa. When asked about his work, David responded with the following:

What inspired you to go into your field of study?



I've always been interested in public health, though I didn't know what it was called until I was almost finished medical school. Working internationally has always been of interest to me, in large part because of the large and messy challenges of working in low resource environments. That outward perspective probably came from my parents, and a sense of our history that we have all come from somewhere else.

Where are you currently sharing your gifts (people, places etc.)?

I am working with governments, NGOs, other researchers, teachers and students on improving how health systems work, largely in low and middle-income countries. My current projects are in Uganda, India, Bangladesh, China, and Liberia, and I have worked for many years in Afghanistan, Ghana, and Nigeria.

You and some colleagues recently traveled to West Africa – Describe its purpose and your experience?

We are working with the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare in Liberia to improve their public health response to Ebola, and to build sustainable health systems in its wake. This involves bringing people together, analyzing data, and making strategies together and implementing them. This means engaging communities in taking on the fight – to identify people with Ebola, to find ways to give good care to the ill while keeping others safe, to change people's behaviour to reduce transmission.

How can we in North America respond to these needs around us?

There are many ways to do better at trying to understand and support the needs of those in other countries, particularly in places where there is great poverty and social unrest. As far as the Ebola outbreak is concerned, North Americans should support policies and programs that fight Ebola and build capacity for public health in West Africa, as well as across countries. We should not give in to fear mongering and xenophobic attitudes that are short-sighted and actually do more harm than good. For those able to give material or technical support, that is also welcome.

What do you find most rewarding about your work?

I find many things rewarding about my work – people are motivated by a mission to help others, to get things done that address health disparities, bring the power of science to bear on important problems – yet often very basic health care or behaviours can make big improvements. It's also great to see students and young faculty gain new skills and apply them.

1st Annual Manitoba High School Alumni Basketball Tournament



L to R - **Jon Picicci ('10)**, **Bryan Stafeckis ('10)**, **Paul Wonneck ('09)**, **Evan Jackson ('10)**, **Jeff Stafeckis ('11)**, **Nic Picicci ('10)**, **Matt Dyck ('14)** Coach – **Jon Goossen ('81)** (Missing - **Hudson Issac ('10)**, **Caleb Olfert ('10)** and **Tyler Derksen ('09)**)

Former MBCI Alumni Basketball players were given the opportunity to suit up in their former MBCI uniforms at the 1st Annual Manitoba High School Alumni Basketball Tournament Nov. 14-16/14

Twelve different schools competed. The tournament was created for former players to reconnect and make contact with their teammates and opponents from the basketball community in Winnipeg and Manitoba.

It was great to coach the boys once again. We even threw in our old press which they had not forgotten from their days of being a Hawk. They worked hard and were very tired after our three games. I really enjoyed hearing the old stories from the past and seeing how the boys enjoyed playing basketball together again.

Jon Goossen ('81)

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Staff Updates



Heidi Koop
Gr. 6 Science, Bible,
Social Studies, Math,
English, and German



Victoria (James '06) Graham
(term position)
Grade 10 Intro to Applied/
Precal Math,
Grade 10 Essentials,
Grade 11 & 12 Applied Math



Marc Neufeld
(term position)
Grade 11 History of Canada,
Grade 10 Retailing,
Grade 9 Biblical Studies



Mona (Ewert '89) Scott
Educational Assistant working
with a variety of students of
special needs within the school



Greg Cooper
Middle School Music
(band and choir)



Kim Tjart
(term position)
Gr 7-10 Phys. Ed.



Mary Unruh
Church Relations, Alumni &
Event Manager. Started at MBCI
in 1972 and retiring Dec. 2014.
Thank you MBCI students,
staff and God for the amazing
experience!



Lori Derksen
Alumni Relations & Event
Manager

Welcome Lori!



Grand Prize: Go Jets Go!

Invite 18 friends to join you in a Suite at the MTS Centre!

Winnipeg Jets vs Phoenix Coyotes January 18, 2015 6pm

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WINNER: Helmut Plett

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WINNER: Jack Laninga

3rd Prize: Shop 'til you Drop

Shop your heart out at Polo Park Shopping Centre!

\$500 Cadillac Fairview Gift Card

Prize Value: \$500

WINNER: Gertrude Loewen

Spiritual Emphasis Week 2014



This spiritual emphasis week I felt more involved than I did in the past three grades. I was a part of the Gr. 9 worship team this year and we led singing during chapel all week. It's a different experience on the stage than sitting amongst the student body. You see everyone singing, and everyone seems more connected from this perspective.

This year we had a variety of speakers come and talk to us. All were very inspirational, but my favorite speaker was an artist named **Eric Samuel Timm**. He walked out on the stage in a very casual manner, but what he had to say was intriguing. He talked about speaking words of life to each other and being kind to our peers. Then he took an enormous canvas and painted the word "death" in a gothic calligraphic font. His conclusion was, "But you can change words of death . . . into words of life", and turned the canvas upside down to reveal the word "life" beautifully painted in the place of the word "death". (The painting can be seen at MBCI)

By: Natalie Warner (Stuco Gr 9 Rep.)

JAZZ AT THE WAG

The MBCI Senior Jazz Band was once again this year honoured to open for the Winnipeg Jazz Orchestra at the Winnipeg Art Gallery on October 26, 2014. Our band did a solid performance of Moten Swing, Dreamsville and Beefsteak Charlie's. Performing alongside the Winnipeg Jazz Orchestra was a great experience for all of us, and we are very grateful to have had this opportunity to help us grow as musicians!

By: Grace Capar Gr. 10

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MBCI SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

Presented June 2014

Thank you to the various Alumni Reunion classes that established the following Scholarships/Bursaries –

Grade 11 - Class of '50 Scholarships of \$200 each:

Awarded to students that returned to MBCI for Grade 12. They display keen interest and creativity in Music or Creative Writing. Recipients in either category should demonstrate concern and compassion for others, as well as commitment to Christian beliefs and values upheld at MBCI.



Creative Writing Scholarship
Alex Wiebe ('14)



Music Scholarship
Brielle Funk ('14)

Grade 11 - Class of '59 Sig Schroeder Memorial Bursary for \$200:

Christina Kim ('14) – is a student who returned to MBCI for Grade 12. She displays positive Christian character and attitude of care for others.



MBCI Alumni Scholarships of \$100 each:

Given to students who affirm the Christian values of the school, have demonstrated a positive attitude toward school and peers, show excellent academic effort and positive work habits.

Gr. 6 – **Meredith Loewen**
Gr. 7 – **Connor Giesbrecht**
Gr. 8 – **Emmit Hameed**
Gr. 9 – **Hope Neufeld**

Gr. 10 – **Hannah Teakle**
Gr. 11 – **Kirat Sidhu & Katie Friesen**
Gr. 12 – **Katrina Schroeder ('14)**

Kenya Trip



Kenya was amazing. We spent almost two weeks learning about the culture and getting to work on building a school. There were so many things we learned, including how people get water, the medical needs that Free the Children is meeting, and how education is being helped along. Not only did we get to build the floor of a school but we had time to go on a safari and see some great animals. All in all, we loved the experience and would love to go again!

By: Caleb Sawatsky Gr. 11, Lane Peter Gr. 11 and Spencer Wynnyk Gr. 11



JV Girls Volleyball

A few weeks ago, after a close game, we defeated River East making us the KPAC champs! Going into provincials we were ranked

3rd, we made it to the finals at U of W on Nov. 24th losing to the #1 ranked St. Mary's. Thank you coaches **Kim & Dave Tjart and Kaitlin Livingston ('09)**. Written By: **Anika Herrod (Gr. 10)**



Varsity Girls Volleyball

The varsity girls were ranked #1 in the province for most of the season. In the KPAC semi-finals they lost to Miles Mac. Entering the provincial championships seeded #2, after a

quarter-final win over Steinbach 3-0 and they defeated St. Mary's in the semi-final 3-0. In the final the Hawks were defeated Selkirk 3-1. Congratulations to the girls for a fantastic season.

MBCI Opening Program – Sept. 23 2014

MBCI is grateful for 515 students, 64 staff and the on-going encouragement and prayer support of our constituency!

Annual General Meeting (AGM) Sept. 30/14

The following Board of Directors were elected/affirmed:

MBCI Board of Directors 2014/15

Julie Doerksen
Carolyn (Wall) Geddert ('84)
Carl Kauenhoven
Nina (Zandstra) Labun ('90)
Ed Ratzlaff
Jerald Peters ('87) - Chair
Michelle Redekopp
David Sawatsky
Wendi (Ronald) Thiessen ('83)
Lori-Anne Huebner - PAC Rep
Open - Alumni Representative

Administration

Andrea (Buller) Neufeld ('96) - Assist. Principal, High School
Fred Pauls ('72) - Principal
Ken Opalko - Assist. Principal, Middle School
Sherry Sukkau - Director of Advancement/Recruitment
Elwood Wiebe - Accountant, Business Manager

Staff Support Committee

Janis Banman, Jessica Boese, Andrew Fast ('96), Ken Geddert, Monica Ulrich

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