



South Collegiate Alumni Association... Needs Your Support!



Since its formation in 1999, the Alumni Association's stated goals have been to help South Collegiate maintain its traditionally high standard of educational excellence through financial aid and advice, and to provide a formal structure for the ongoing development of relationships among all those who have been a part of South Collegiate throughout its history. In the past year alone, SCAA has fulfilled these goals in many ways:

- Organized a program for improvements to the exterior grounds of the school, as well as the entranceway and front hall. Through our efforts a new sign was designed and installed outside the front door, extensive tree-pruning and brush cleanup was done by SCAA members, the front hall was painted and displays re-arranged, and our Latin motto was installed on a banner above the Auditorium doors
- Provided resources, financing and guidance to the Committee which planned the 85th Reunion last May
- Carried out an initiative to create proper labels for the many photos on the ground floor of the school and replace or upgrade some of the aging images
- Began a historic photo display by placing a number of Staff composite photos from the past on the walls of the Staff Lounge
- Established a free directory of services showcasing alumni who are business owners

These efforts are all in addition to the regular, ongoing activities of maintaining the alumni website, facilitating class reunions, presenting the South 75th Anniversary Award to a staff member, publishing our Alumni Newsletter, *Lions' Pride*, and presenting awards to all graduating students who have achieved over 90% in their graduating year, as well as two special awards to the top two students.

Personally, as a director of SCAA, I am very proud of this organization and look forward to continuing to work on many exciting initiatives. Unfortunately, as treasurer of SCAA, I am concerned about the ability of SCAA to continue to offer all the services listed above. Whereas the 75th Reunion generated funds which provided a solid financial base, the 85th Reunion, while a success in many respects, lost money and depleted most of this base. Complicating the situation further, the increased price of stamps means our mail out costs for the newsletter will be going up significantly.

For these reasons, the SCAA Executive is looking at a number of possible fundraising options, but most immediately, we are asking you, the alumni of South, to consider increasing your annual sponsorship. While we are requesting \$20 in the membership support box on page 8, any amount that you wish or can afford to donate would be most welcome. A donation of \$100 or more will be considered a lifetime sponsorship. Your past generosity has been much appreciated and we hope we can count on your continued support.

Andrea (Fewster) Manias ('70) (staff 1976-2009)