



## South Collegiate Alumni Association Spring 2014



# LIONS' PRIDE

*Virtus Repulsae Nescia Sordidae*

## Fall Homecoming to Honour Two Teams from South's Past

On October 13, 2007, South's first Fall Homecoming took place. Special guest of honour, **Matt Giffen ('85)** travelled from Singapore that year to officially mark the inauguration of South's new football field. In an act of unprecedented generosity, Matt had donated the money for the construction of a new field, bleachers, paved track and electronic scoreboard that proudly bears the name of his late father: **James A. Giffen Memorial Field**.

That first successful Homecoming was followed by two more afternoon events in the fall of 2008 and 2009. At the **2008 Homecoming**, chair **Dan Knight ('07)** oversaw the official unveiling of the first stage of the **Student Council Photo Restoration Project** in the cafeteria. At **Homecoming 2009**, our guest of honour was South grad and pro football player, **Vaughn Martin ('05)** who had generously donated the money to purchase new uniforms for the senior football team. Another special guest that year was **Ernie Whitt**, former catcher with the Blue Jays.

**Homecoming 2010** marked a big change: the switch from an afternoon to an evening event, necessitated by the fact that it became impossible to continue arranging for regularly scheduled league



**SENIOR FOOTBALL TEAM, 1964**

**Back Row (L to R):** Mr. Koenen (asst. coach), Phil Strudwick, Vaughn Johnston, Wayne Potts, John Richmond, Pete Harvey, Steve Waller, Jim Ladato, John Butler, Jim Hodgins, Ross Scott & Gary McClenaghan (manager)  
**Third Row:** Mr. Roberts (head coach), Tim Leah, Bill Nichol, Knute Dohnberg, John Thrasher, Paul Halliday, Robin May, Greg White, Glen Dunham, Ted Parnell, Don Ramer & Jim Salisbury  
**Second Row:** Sam Shortt, Bill Culp, Don Letton, Bob Keene, Bob Bere, Garth Stuart & Ted Goodden  
**Front Row:** George Giouroukos, Rick Lemon, Gary Quaife, Lee Thompson (Absent: Bill Bryce & Bill Johnston)

games to be played on the Saturday of Thanksgiving weekend. The SCAA had some very real concerns, however. Would it be too cool in the evening for an outdoor event? Could we raise enough money to pay for the rental of the lights? Fortunately, our weather worries proved to be unfounded, and the first evening homecoming boasted the largest attendance numbers to date.

Following our 5<sup>th</sup> successful Homecoming in October 2011, the SCAA announced

that it would be taking a two year "hiatus" while we planned for South's 85<sup>th</sup> Reunion. School officials decided, however, that Homecoming was too important to allow this lapse, and took over running the event in 2012 and 2013. During those two years, it became clear that Homecoming had become much more than an alumni focused event. It was now school/community based, and as such it made sense for us to relinquish responsibility for organizing and funding the event. The

SCAA wished to continue to support Homecoming, but it was a question of defining the nature of that support. Given our current financial situation, the support could not be monetary, but we wanted to contribute in a way that would make the event more meaningful to alumni. As a result, the decision was made to organize a recognition dinner to honour two football teams from South's past.

Details are outlined on page 2...

**Connie (Woods) Weir ('66)**

## SOUTH HOMECOMING FOOTBALL BANQUET 2014

**Date & Time:** Friday, Oct. 10, 5:30 PM

**Purpose:** To pay tribute to *South Lions* Senior Football teams from 25 years ago (1989) and 50 years ago (1964)

**The Plan:** As well as members of the two football teams, any interested alumni, including the cheerleaders are invited to attend. Team members will sit at the "Head Table" and be introduced prior to dinner. A few brief "stories" may be recounted for the entertainment of participants. During the break between the Junior and Senior games, the two teams will go out on the football field to be introduced. Following the football games, alumni are invited to a gathering at *The Wortley Roadhouse*.

**Cost:** \$25 (includes reception, catered dinner & guest speaker)

**To Register for the Event:** Mail a cheque to

South Alumni Association  
371 Tecumseh Ave E  
London, ON N6C 1T4



- 1) Make the cheque payable to "SCAA" and write "Football Banquet" in the memo section.
- 2) Include your e-mail address, so we can confirm your reservation

For more information contact SCAA director, Jonah Melville: [jonah.melville@gmail.com](mailto:jonah.melville@gmail.com) (519-636-5740)

**Note:** Unfortunately the quality of yearbook photo of the 1989 football team was not good enough to be scanned for the newsletter, but the team members are listed below.

### 1989 Senior Boys Football Team:

Jason Baillie, B.J. Batten, Joe Belecky, Rob Boychuk, Justin Carnegie, Craig Chambers, Jason Cottrell, Derek Everett, Chris Gillespie, Paul Hansen, Chad Hopper, Greg Kudar, Tory Lampman, Dave Lee, Don Madamba, Pete Maglaris, Jeff MacDonald, Steve Makris, Jason Martin, Jay McKay, Matt Nelson, Jamie Nicholds, Greg Oh, Shaun Parsons, George Petropoulakis, Paul Polishuk, Joe Shanghi, Brandon Telfer, John Wall & Dan Walters      COACHES: Clark Samways & Chris Marcus

## ALUMNI BASKETBALL IS BACK !

On January 24, after a 1-year hiatus, the annual *South Alumni Basketball* competition rebounded, with a new format, and the old enthusiasm. **Jeff Kneeshaw ('98)**, now a teacher-coach with the *Thames Valley School Board*, has taken over the organization of the Alumni Game – which brought back 19 former *South Lions* to face each other in a game where each team was composed of players from several eras.

**Ben Latvanen ('04)** was the hot shooter of the evening, as he led his team to a 61-51 victory by scoring 16 points, while **Kevin Gowdey ('76)** – the oldest man on the court - chipped in with 9. **Shawn Campbell ('92)** was top scorer on the losing side with 13.

### The 2014 Champions

**Back Row:** Dusko Cvetkovic ('98), Ben Latvanen ('04), Morgan Latvanen ('01) & Mike Webber ('98)

**Front Row:** Kevin Gowdey ('76), Tom Dalby ('87), George Giannoulis ('09), Billy Giannoulis ('05) Dane Duhaney ('06)



## LIONS HOCKEY TEAM WINS OFSAA GOLD!

Until this year, the South hockey team had never even been to OFSAA, but in Oakville on March 21, they captured the A/AA gold medal, after going undefeated in all seven games of the tournament. This win capped off a tremendous season for the hockey Lions who allowed only seven goals while achieving a 14 -0-1 Thames Valley record. Coach **Ian Martin**, who has taught at South for 19 years and coached for 18 of those years, is intensely proud of his team, whom he describes as "a fantastic group of guys" (LFP 03/22/14). Not only are they the strongest squad he has ever coached, but they demonstrate true sportsmanship, always showing respect for their opponents.



## MAIL BOX...

### Letters and e-mails from alumni



#### PRAISE FOR LIONS' PRIDE

Your group is doing a great job! Thanks. You're covering our students through the years so well.

**Jean (Gray) Beverly ('48)**

#### RECONNECTING WITH A FORMER COACH

I just received my Autumn '13 copy of *Lions' Pride* and am regretting not attending the 85th Reunion, although it would have been difficult without my Joy (Joy Firth, '52), whom I lost to Alzheimer's three years ago. However, I saw the letter from **Paul Burd (staff, 1947-57)**, my old basketball and football coach (after **Ernie McTavish**). Since I live in Comox (BC), I called him at his home in Sydney (northeast of Victoria). He remembered me and talked of old times, but was intent on talking about his golfing group. We gossiped for about 30 minutes. Since I hadn't exactly been an honour student, I wanted him to know that my 35 year career as a military pilot was in no small measure, a tribute to teachers like him and those he acknowledged in his letter. I knew them all.

**Peter Giles ('51)**

#### SOUTH '55 & '56 CELEBRATION UPDATE

After contacting the names on the class lists, the committee found that there was sufficient interest in a 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Class Reunion to be held September 19 & 20, 2015. (More details to follow in the fall issue of *Lion's Pride*.)



The committee welcomes any ideas, suggestions or information you may wish to share.

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## IN LOCAL NEWS....

**BOB MANN (staff, 1965-73)**, was featured in an article in "Today" (LFP, 03/17/2014) highlighting recent books by Londoners. The 83-year old former VP and principal at South has published a book entitled ***The Measure of a Leader: A Review of Theories about Leadership and a Methodology for Appraising Leader Effectiveness***, available online, as well as at both London Chapters stores. After more than two decades of research and more than 40 years in public service, as both an educator and a municipal politician, Bob Mann knows a lot about leadership. While certain traits may be common in most leaders, Mann argues "It's really what the person does in their interaction that determines whether they are effective leaders."

**MIKE MURPHY ('67)** described in a recent article by LFP sports writer, Ryan Pyette, as "rowing's Renaissance Man" has stepped down after many years as president of Rowing Canada Aviron. At the annual awards ceremony held at the London Hilton in January, guests paid tribute to "Murph" for his leadership and unwavering dedication to the sport. A rower himself, who competed at the 1970 world championships and the 1971 Pan Am Games, Mike realized that the biggest problem facing Canadian rowers at that time was the lack of conveniently located rowing centres. The Fanshawe Lake Rowing Centre, which Mike Murphy helped to create, is one of the great success stories in Canadian sport, fuelling a number of Olympic and world medals. Although he's stepping down as Rowing Canada's president, Mike will continue to support the Fanshawe centre and teach at Western's Faculty of Education.



**KENNY LORD ('74-'76)** has just released his second book of poetry: *The Bells of Humility—Poetry for all People*. Thrilled by the response to first collection, *On Faith We Fly—Poetry by Nature*, Kenny speaks of the joy of writing poetry: "The freedom to write what others may read, is an honour. I hope that through all of my travels, my poetry may at one time or another, be enough to bring a smile to your life, if only for a moment." Both books are available for online purchase. (See details at: [www.apoet.ca](http://www.apoet.ca).) A police constable for the past 25 years, Kenny has also worked as an instructor at the Toronto Police College and Durham College. Kenny lives in Whitby, Ontario and is the father of three adult children.

**ROBERT GIOIOSA ('87)**, who started his own company, Sunview Windows and Doors in 1995, now co-owns Newco Building Supplies with his father Mike. Newco, which specializes in manufacturing Sunview windows and doors, recently expanded to new and larger facility (on Dowell Rd. near White Oak Rd.). The expansion involved hiring 10 more employees and the addition of a retail showroom that will allow the company to boost both production and sales.

**MIKE BLOXAM ('01)** is running for City Council in Ward 6 and officially kicked off his campaign at a launch party on March 30. The founder and owner of SunTap Technologies, Mike is already familiar with City Hall, where he serves on London's Advisory Committee on the Environment. A committed volunteer, Mike supports ReForest London, Thames Region Ecological Association, Make-A-Wish Foundation, Movember and the London Food Bank, where he has volunteered since 1999. He also fosters homeless dogs through All-Breed Canine Rescue and has been a SCAA director for several years. ([www.bloxam.ca](http://www.bloxam.ca)) We wish Mike all the best in this fall's municipal election!



# 1927 Grad... One Remarkable Alumna!

by Connie (Woods) Weir ('66)

**Editor's Note:** Last fall's issue contained a profile of **Velma (Wadsworth) Howie ('29)**, in which I speculated that at 103, she was likely South's oldest living grad. Well I was wrong! After that article appeared I received a phone call from **Grace Corrin ('76)** who informed me that she knew a South alumna who was 104. With Grace's assistance, I arranged to visit Westmount Gardens last January, where I met a truly remarkable centenarian...

## *Mabel (Williams) Williamson, Class of 1927*

In every sense of the word, Mabel is young for her age. Not only does she look at least 20 years younger than she is, but she still has a real zest for life. Chatting with her, I couldn't help but be impressed not only with her ability to recall the details of her life, but also with her determination to stay as physically and mentally active as she can. Mabel played golf at Thames Valley well into her senior years, attended South's 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion in 1988, when she was almost 80 and remained in her own apartment until two years ago, when she moved into Westmount Gardens. She is still able to enjoy a variety of activities, however, including outings to the mall with her daughter, Daryle Pryde.

Born in St. Thomas on Sept. 3, 1909, Mabel moved to London when she was two. Growing up on Tecumseh Ave., the oldest of six children, Mabel attended Wortley Road PS, then South Collegiate...

**Memories of South:** It's been 87 years since Mabel (Williams) graduated from South. The class of 1927 was South's 3<sup>rd</sup> graduating class and the last one to attend the old Victoria PS building on Askin Street. LSCI, which had opened in 1922 with 290 students and 10 teachers, was growing rapidly and badly in need of a new facility. On page 51 of the 1927 *Oracle* a short poem by grade 9 student, **Dorothy Kidd ('32) (d.)** begins with the lines "To the old S.C.I. we will ever be true,/ Although it is crumbling and near falling through."

By 1927, there were 12 teachers, including principal T.S.H. ("Tish") Graham, at South. Mabel says history was her favourite subject, but math not so much. She remembers Miss ("Jessie") MacFarlane who coached most of the girls' teams and taught English. She also remembers Mr. ("Bugs") Calvert who taught science. Mabel's favorite sport was baseball. Other memories include the bloomers the girls had to wear for gym class. In fact, one of the biggest events for South girls every fall was the **Bloomer and Middy Party**, where South's "freshettes" were initiated by being dressed up and entertained with skits and songs performed by the upper and middle school girls. (The ad on the right is from the 1928 *Oracle*. Smallman & Ingram, at the corner of Richmond & Dundas, was later replaced by Simpson's.)

Mabel remembers her first after school job: serving ice cream at the soda fountain in the old Woolworth's store on Dundas at Market Lane. Later she worked at Grafton's, a popular men's wear store also on Dundas. After finishing high school, Mabel studied nursing in Windsor and worked for 3 ½ years at the TB Sanatorium (now the site of CPRI). Like most women of her generation, Mabel left nursing after her marriage to Cecil Williamson, a Watford, ON native. Settling in a home in Oakridge, Mabel devoted herself to raising her two children: Daryle and Murray. Unfortunately, her husband, eight years her senior, passed away in 1960, when he was only 59. Demonstrating her resilience and determination, Mabel returned to her nursing career as a young widow of 51, finding a job in the maternity ward at Victoria Hospital, which she says she loved!

**Final Notes:** Mabel's sister **Gladys (Williams) Robertson ('31)**, with whom she was very close, passed away in 2005. Her two brothers, John and Richard, are also deceased. Her middle sister, Alma (Williams) MacInnis, lives in Rochester, Michigan, and is, according to Mabel, a very young looking 93, while her "baby" sister, **Marilyn (Williams) Hale ('53)**, who lives in London, is only 79. As I said, Mabel Williamson is one remarkable lady, an inspiration to those of us entering our senior years, and wondering what the future may hold. We wish her well and thank her for sharing some of her memories with us.



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## LOOKING BACK TO 1927...

... two years before the start of the Great Depression, six years before Hitler came to power in Germany and twelve years before the start of WWII.

### ***In 1927, the year that Mabel (Williams) Williamson graduated from South, the city of London...***

- had a population of 65,000, the largest city in Western Ontario
- was the centre of Canada's greatest economic area
- had the largest percent of home-owning population of all Canadian cities
- owned and operated Canada's finest electric railroad, the L & PS, connecting the city with London's port, Port Stanley.

### ***Looking beyond London to what was happening on the international scene in 1927...***

- George V was king of England and Calvin Coolidge was US President
- Joseph Stalin took control of the Soviet Union after Leon Trotsky was expelled
- Charles Lindbergh made the first solo, nonstop transatlantic airplane flight, from New York City to Paris
- First commercial transatlantic telephone service was established between NY & London
- First Volvo car was made in Gothenburg, Sweden
- First iron lung was installed in Bellevue Hospital, NY
- "Jazz Singer," first movie with a sound track, was released and Louis B Mayer formed the Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences
- Grand Ole Opry made its first radio broadcast, in Nashville
- The Harlem Globetrotters played their first game and Babe Ruth became the highest paid baseball player (\$70,000 per year)
- "Ain't She Sweet?" was one of the year's most popular songs
- Golfers in South Carolina were arrested for playing on Sunday

### ***And here in Canada...***

- William Lyon Mackenzie King was the Prime Minister of Canada
- The Old Age Pensions Act was introduced
- NHL's Toronto St Patricks were renamed the Maple Leafs
- The Peace Bridge opened between Fort Erie, ON and Buffalo, NY
- Mazo de la Roche published *Jalna* and The National Gallery opened the first major exhibit featuring the work of Emily Carr

## Not LSCI but Byng Collegiate...?

In 2009, the SCAA and most of its alumni celebrated the restoration of the school's original name, ***London South Collegiate Institute***. Interestingly, how many of us knew that many local school officials wanted to rename the school when it moved into its new building in 1928? But just as we fought to have our voices heard in 2009, student voices in 1927 fought to have this same name retained, the name given to it when it was first opened in the Old Victoria School building in 1922. The following article appeared in the **1927 Oracle**, as one articulate grade 12 student explained her position on the proposed name change.

### **WHAT'S IN A NAME?**

*We have been looking forward to a new "South Collegiate" for many years, but now the time has come so near, that though ground has not yet been broken, a name is being considered for it. Many suggestions have been offered, among them "Paul Peel Collegiate", "Prince of Wales Collegiate", "Byng Collegiate" and "Willingdon Collegiate". Now, while we honour and respect these men, it is felt that the majority of students would prefer to have the new school still called "London South Collegiate".*

*"What's in a name?" you ask. A great deal! All of us have tried, some have succeeded, in building up a name for our school. "South" recalls past deeds – hard fought victories in all activities and just as hard fought defeats, which were borne with good sportsmanship. The other schools in London and Western Ontario have learned to respect "South", even though we were so few in numbers and worked under such handicaps.*

*To the graduates "South" is Alma Mater. Traditions which have built up around it would not be associated with the new name. We should have to start all over again. Let us stick to "South".*

### **Betty Clark, Assistant Editor of 1927 Oracle, (Class of 1928)**

I'm sure most, if not all of us are happy that the students' campaign in 1927 to retain our name was successful. I can't imagine being a graduate of "Byng Collegiate", can you?

### **Connie (Woods) Weir ('66)**

# IN MEMORIAM

**Laura Christina Hamilton ('98)** passed away at home, with her family by her side, on March 5, 2014. Beloved daughter of John and **Mary Hamilton (staff, 1971-80)**, a popular teacher who started South's Dance program in the 1970's. Survived also by her partner, Steve Sims, sister Melissa, and a host of devoted friends. Family friend and poet, Penn Kemp described a smile that "*could light up the universe*". Co-worker, Allison Menegoni said there was "*just a magic about her and she was able to pull magic out of other people*".



After high school, Laura went on to earn degrees from Western, Trent and the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education. She worked at the YMCA as director of Camp Queen Elizabeth and later as V.P. of Youth Engagement where she inspired many with her "*enthusiasm, imagination, quick mind and boundless love*". Laura was also an author who wrote three children's books featuring *Roary the Lion*, a character that she created to help teach children how to overcome their fears. Her last book, entitled *Lions Get Sick Too*, was written during her six-year battle with cancer. Just as Laura herself faced her illness with remarkable spirit and resilience, *Roary* decided to deal with his "*stuffeditis*" with bravery and strength. A tribute in honour of Laura's life was held March 13<sup>th</sup> at the London Convention Centre.



## REMEMBERING KEN WOOSTER ('38) (staff, 1953-57)

Ken passed away Dec. 8, 2013 in Toronto, aged 92. Survived by Beth, his loving wife of 70 years, sons Peter (Julia) and Douglas, 3 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

After graduating from South, Ken went on to serve with the Royal Canadian Regiment Artillery in WWII and continued in the naval reserve subsequently. He was a member and Past-President of the Vimy Branch of the Legion.

After earning a degree in geology and chemistry at UWO, Ken embarked on a career in education, returning to South to teach science (1953-57). Later in his career he worked for the Ontario Ministry of Education and co-authored the standard school science textbook, *Methods of Science*.

Although Ken's official career was as an educator, music was always a huge part of his life. In the 1938 *Oracle*, in a light-hearted section called "*Prophesies*", predicting the future of members of South's class of 1938, Ken is described as "*the man destined to put Tommy Dorsey in the 'Has Been' column*". Dorsey, for those alumni readers too

young to remember, was a renowned American jazz trombonist, trumpeter, composer and very successful bandleader from the late 1930's to the early 1950's. While the yearbook's prediction may have been somewhat tongue-in-cheek, Ken was clearly a talented trombonist, as evidenced by the photo below of Russ Mill's band performing at Wonderland Gardens shortly after the war. NOTE: Ken, who is in the back row at the far left, is just behind and to the left of **Joe George ('48) (Staff, 1961-71)**.



As a musician, Ken played and enjoyed classical, jazz and big band music for over 75 years and made recordings from the "78's" to the digital age. He played at the inaugural season of the Stratford Festival. He was active in the Kiwanis Music Festival in London and provided the Best Brass Performer scholarship to encourage young musicians.

Remembered for his "*gentle manner and interest in everyone*".

Back Row, L to R: **Ken Wooster**, Eric Cosgrove, George Tingley, Aaron Rahn, Dick Stookes & **Doug Hook (1935/36)**

Front Row, L to R: John Zadorsky, **Joe George ('48) (Staff, 1961-71)**, Frank Serratore, Russ Mills (band leader & **Archie Poulton ('39)**

## IN MEMORIAM (continued)

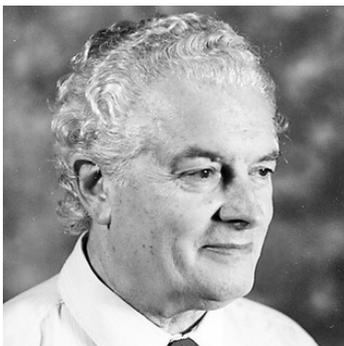


**Dora Adeline (Dicks) McNeil ('36)** passed away at home in London on Jan. 7, 2014, in her 96th year. Predeceased by her husband **John G. McNeil ('34)**, son of one of South's original ten teachers, **W.G. McNeil (staff 1922-50)**. A Victoria Nursing School graduate (1940), Dora worked at Westminster Military Hospital during WWII. Later on, she applied her nursing skills in her work as Volunteer Coordinator for the Children's Aid Society of London, and with school clinics for the London Middlesex Health Unit. A life-long member of Wesley-Knox United Church, Dora sang in the choir for over 40 years, as well as serving on the Board. She was also a charter and life member of the Volunteer Committee of Orchestra London. Dora is survived by daughter **Marilynne ('68)**, of London, son **Grant ('71)** of Calgary, and two grandsons.

**Marie (Saugstad) Andersen ('39)**, age 91, passed away Sept. 30, 2013 in Three Hills, Alberta. Born with a natural talent for music, Marie played the piano by note and by ear and served as the organist at several churches. Marie's other love was the written word. As a student, she was a member of South's *Literary Society Executive* and remained an avid reader and writer (journals, letters) throughout her life. Following her marriage, Marie moved to Alberta, where she and her husband farmed in the small Danish community of Dalum for almost 40 years before retiring. She is survived by husband Svend, sister Audrey, three children, ten grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.

**Charles Victor Barrett ('45)** passed away in London on Jan. 3, 2014, age 86. Graduating from South as the war ended, Charles married his high school sweetheart, **Mary Forbes ('47)** and began his career in banking at age 18. This career involved many moves around SW Ontario and finally to CIBC head

office in Toronto for a few years. A man of many interests, Charles loved the outdoors and sports of all kinds. He also had a passion for photography and was a long time member of the London Camera Club. A lover of animals, he bred, showed and raced homing pigeons for over 65 years.



Charles was predeceased by sisters **Alma (Barrett) Johnston ('53)** and **Josephine (Barrett) Palmer ('46)**. He is survived by wife **Mary**, sister **Jean (Barrett) Palmer ('49)**, four daughters, eleven grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

**Grace Elizabeth (Foster) McBurney ('45)** passed away Jan. 22, 2014, age 86, in Orangeville, ON. Predeceased by husband Jim, and brothers George and **David Foster ('38)**. Survived by her children Robert, Joan, Bruce and Peggy, nine grandchildren & six great grandchildren. A graduate nurse, Grace helped establish Jim's medical practice in Orangeville after they married in 1952. An active church member, she also enjoyed singing, curling, skiing and time at the family cottage on Lake Huron.

**John Angus ("Joe") Davidson ('51)** of Montreal, passed away peacefully at McCormick Home on February 3rd, 2014 at age 82. Joe loved his years at South Collegiate, especially his time on the football field. After finishing his education, he served as an Officer and fighter pilot for the Royal Canadian Air Force. Joe concluded his working life at Central Elgin Collegiate in St. Thomas where he enjoyed being surrounded by the high energy of the students and teachers. Survived by three children, eight grandchildren and brother **Gord Davidson ('47)**, Joe will be remembered for his love of life, wit & kind heart.

**Paul William Ziller ('56)** passed away at University Hospital, London, on Jan. 15, 2014, age 76. A Sarnia resident, Paul

was a Maintenance Superintendent at Dow Chemical, retiring after 33 years of service. He was also a longtime member and Past President of the Sarnia Golf & Curling Club.

Paul is survived by three children, five grandchildren and his brother **Richard Ziller ('65)** of Brighton, ON.

**Jeffrey Clark Lawrence ('66)** passed away in Ottawa Jan. 23, 2014. Following South, he attended UWO where he earned a law degree in 1975. Most recently, Jeffrey was a team leader on the help desk at Revenue Canada, where he found great satisfaction in helping his co-workers. In later years, Jeffrey was active as a steward and treasurer in PIPS. He is survived by one brother, John.

**Patricia Jane Loptson ('72)** passed away on Dec. 27, 2013, after a long battle with multiple sclerosis. Dear sister of **Beverley (Loptson) Shepherd ('62)** of London, **Peter Loptson ('63)** of Toronto, and **Jon Loptson ('69)** of England. Predeceased by her sister **Elizabeth Loptson-Baskerville ('67)**. Heavily involved in musical activities while at South, Jane earned a degree in music theory and composition at UWO in 1982. She worked as a piano teacher while continuing to compose, eventually producing two CD's of original music. Longtime friend, **Herman Goodden ('72)** described her as a deeply religious person who "*never succumbed to despair or self-pity*" despite having struggled with mental as well as physical health issues for so many years.

**Stephen Richard Catton ('77)** passed away unexpectedly on Feb. 20, 2014 at age 56. Survived by two children, Brittany & Tyler, and siblings, Barbara (Catton) Robinson, **Katherine Catton ('63)** and Gordon Catton.

**Harold Kennedy (staff, 1970-82)** passed away Jan. 6, 2014, age 80. Harold was a colourful Geography teacher and swimming coach at South. Noted for wearing outrageous ties, he once entered a contest on CFPL radio. His prize for submitting the "wildest tie" was getting all the ties entered in the contest. That kept him going for months, with a different tie every day! Father of three (Kim, Martin and Shane) and grandfather of four, Harold will be fondly remembered by his family and many friends.

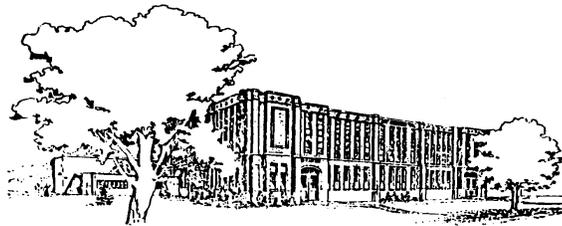
## PROWL THE PRIDE

Alumni who missed last May's 85th Reunion can still obtain a copy of *Prowl the Pride*. This 32 page booklet detailing a self-guided walk of Wortley Village/Old South was designed as an alumni keepsake to be enjoyed on future visits to South's "hood". Anyone making a donation (minimum \$10) who would like to receive a mailed copy of the walk booklet, please indicate on your sponsorship form.



## WHO KNEW?

The 1927 *Oracle* contains a short report on what is described as "an historic occasion": the first annual banquet of the **South Collegiate Alumni Association** on Feb.23, 1927. Ninety-nine graduates attended, presided over by Alumni President, **Joe Jeffery**. Following the banquet and a long list of toasts, the evening concluded with "an hour's dancing at Victoria Auditorium" (old Victoria PS). It's unclear how long this original Alumni Association lasted, but we now know that the one formed in 1998 was not the first. Who knew?



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# SCAA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & EXECUTIVE ELECTIONS

**Wed. May 7, 2014  
7:00 PM in the Atrium**

Once again it is time to elect a new SCAA executive. While several current members have agreed to let their names stand again, there are a number of vacancies that need to be filled. If you think you may be interested in becoming part of the executive, please go to [www.southalumni.ca](http://www.southalumni.ca) for a description of the various positions and their responsibilities.

The continued success of the **South Collegiate Alumni Association** depends on the involvement of our graduates.

So plan to attend, and bring your friends with you.

**WE NEED YOU !**

## Directory of Entrepreneurial Alumni

Promote your business and support those owned by fellow South alumni listed in our **free directory** (<http://www.southalumni.ca/sites/southalumni.ca/files/scaa-dir-entre.pdf>). As a contact, you may email **directory manager** (scaa-dir@sandyross.ca) **Sandy Ross ('79)**, or call her at **519.871.word (9673)**.

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