



Oak Leaf

Update on our New School

As previously reported in the Media and our last Newsletter, Oak Bay High will be replaced with a new school that includes a Neighbourhood Learning Centre that will play host to an array of programs and services to serve local family and community needs.

Design work for the new Oak Bay High School has recommenced in earnest!

The BC Ministry of Education has released funding to the SD61 Board of School Trustees with the expectation that there would be a 'shovel in the ground' early spring of 2013. The following are some target deadlines that were set to accomplish this:

Issue on July 11, 2012: Request For Qualifications (RFQ), of potential design/construction companies; 10-12 expected, country-wide)

Aug 15, 2012: Close RFQ

Aug 31, 2012: Shortlist completed

Sept 7, 2012: Statement Of Requirements complete . This

is a list of building requirements to ensure that the design encompasses the goals of a 21st Century school, a Neighbourhood Learning Centre, and an asset to the Municipality of Oak Bay

Sept 14, 2012: Issue Request For Proposals (RFP) for building designs from 2 or 3 shortlisted design/construction companies)

Jan 15, 2013: Close of RFP

Feb 28, 2013: All responses reviewed and builder selected

Mar 31, 2013: Contract awarded

April, 2013: Ceremonial groundbreaking ceremony

July, 2013: Construction begins

September 2015: Target for completion

The "SNUG" Tradition Lives on!

The long awaited re-opening of the Oak Bay Beach Hotel was realized in late November 2012. The Alumni Association thought it would be worthwhile to resurrect the long held tradition of an informal gathering of Oak Bay Grads, from any year, in the Snug Pub on Boxing day.

It was a great success. The section re-

served for the Alumni Association was occupied with standing room only for much of the time. The Alumni was well represented by classes from 66 through 07 with special mention to the classes of 84, 85, 71, 77 and 79t

Look for this to become an annual event at the new Snug Pub.

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Annual Alumni Disbursements

The Oak Bay Alumni Association is a proud advocate for Oak Bay Secondary School. Included in our Charter the Alumni Association is to fund, from the interest earned on funds in our account, \$1,000 dollars each year to the Fine Arts Department, the Athletics Department and to fund a \$1,000 dollar scholarship to a deserving student selected by the leadership council at Oak Bay Secondary. This person must be a well rounded individual that demonstrates role model qualities in Academics, Athletics and the Community.

We are please to say that for the 5th year now the Alumni Association has delivered on this mandate. To date the Association has distributed \$15,000.00 to the school and to 6 exceptional students.

This years recipient: Olga Mosca

Olga is a future community leader, who is highly regarded for her integrity, adaptability and work ethic. Olga has a 5.0 GPA. As an academic student, she has a well-developed sense of curiosity, and is a valued resource for other students and earned the prestigious 'Green and White' Oak Bay award for her outstanding contributions to the school.

Olga came to Oak Bay as an International Student and quietly ingratiated herself into the school culture, involving herself in the Amnesty International Club, the Cops for Cancer campaign, and the Hero Holiday group that travels to Mexico to build homes for deserving families. In addition she is an accomplished skater who volunteers with the CanSkate program at the Oak Bay Rec Centre.

As an amazing jazz vocalist, Olga made great contributions to the Fine Arts program. Always ready to help, she has nurtured many younger performers in the program.



How can you help your Alumni? Have you considered Creating an Enduring Endowment?

If you donate to charity whenever you can, or want to share your wealth in support of your community, then a strategic giving program can make your contributions last in a more meaningful way.

Consider a donor-advised charitable fund to set the seed for your gift to grow and prosper for years to come. It's a powerful way to give, harnessing the power of investing for growth and efficient tax and estate planning – to the benefit of the people and causes that matter.

CREATE: Give in your own name, in honour of a special person in your life, or opt to remain anonymous. As the donor, you can decide the charitable fund's name and identity. Every time a grant is sent to a charity, the funds name can be cited as the source of the gift. As the donor you receive a significant tax deduction at the outset.

DONATE: You advise on which eligible charities or institutions you want the fund to support each year. Granting, administration and tax reporting is handled seamlessly on your behalf.

SUSTAIN: Your charitable fund will be invested conservatively in your choice of professionally managed investment pools to provide income and long term growth of your capital.

CARRY ON: Establish a multigenerational tradition of philanthropy by naming children or other family members as successors to carry on the advisory role over the fund.

If you would like more information and currently do not have an advisor contact Chris Witt at :Chris.witt@macquarie.com

Friends of Bowker Creek & our School

The Friends of Bowker Creek got a welcome gift from the Federal Government in March of 2012 of \$738,000. In conjunction with the new High School and Centre for Community Learning the stretch of Bowker Creek between the East Building and West Building will be revitalized. This beautiful walkway will now extend from Monterey Avenue to the Oak Bay Recreation Centre.

From the School's perspective this opens the doors to expand its curriculum to include courses in Marine Biology and potentially in Fresh Water Biology.

Please go to the following links for the articles referenced from the Oak Bay News.

<http://www.oakbaynews.com/news/141254783.html>

<http://www.bowkercreekinitiative.ca/>

What are the Alumni doing now?

Chris Witt Class of '76

Chris and his wife Brenda (Class of '78) still live in Oak Bay. They have two boys Sam and Simon who are well entrenched in university life. Sam is attending UVic and Simon is at Memorial University in St. John's, Newfoundland.

Now they are enjoying more time devoted to working on long delayed projects and staying in touch with a number of friends from high school days.

After graduation, Chris obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics at the University of Victoria. As part of his degree, he was fortunate to have taken a course on investing where one of his professors ignited a spark of interest. Shortly after graduation Chris began his career in the investment industry at a major Canadian securities firm.

Today, Chris is Senior Advisor with Macquarie Private Wealth – providing a range of investment and financial planning solutions to a busy practice of individual, family and corporate clients.

Thanks for keeping in touch Chris!



Join us for our Annual General Meeting

The Oak Bay Alumni Association invites you to join us for our Annual General Meeting on Tuesday February 26th, in the East Building Library. Located on the second floor and entrance will be through the West Side of the building. Parking is available in the rear of the building facing Bowker Creek.

The Agenda will be as follows:

- Message from the President
- Message from the Treasurer
- Message from the Secretary

- Election of the Executive
- Nominations and election of Members at Large

For more information please visit us at:
<http://oakbay.sd61.bc.ca/home/alumni/>

<https://www.facebook.com/?sk=welcome#!/pages/Oak-Bay-High-School-Alumni-Association/473579245995473?fref=ts>

<http://www.linkedin.com/groups?viewMembers=&gid=4399160&sik=1358636792937>

Make your Alumni Association a Winner!

We need your support and input!

An active and vibrant Alumni Association are “**Stewards**” of the school and we strive to create a large membership that generates social events for the good of the alumni

Next Meeting: AGM February 26, 2013

- 7:30 - 9:00 East Library

EVERYONE WELCOME!

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Organization

**THE OAK BAY HIGH SCHOOL
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER**

Next Issue:
September 2013
www.oakbay.sd61.bc.ca/alumni

We are on the web @ <http://oakbay.sd61.bc.ca/home/alumni/>

The Oak Bay Alumni Association has officially arrived on Social Media:

The Oak Bay Alumni Association has created 2 social media pages and we are looking for new members to join us! We will use these tools as our method to share information like this Newsletter and events we are hosting going forward so please check us out.

Please join us AND invite your fellow Alumni as well:

Linked in: <http://www.linkedin.com/groups?iewMembers=&gid=4399160&sik=1358636792937>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/?sk=welcome#!/pages/Oak-Bay-High-School-Alumni-Association/473579245995473?fref=ts>

We will also continue to be linked with the soon to be refreshed Oak High School Website: <http://oakbay.sd61.bc.ca/home/alumni/>

The Alumni Association continues to look for people to become a Class Representative. This will allow us to grow our data base and enable us to help with Grad Reunions. Please consider helping us out. \]

Dates to Remember

General:

Feb 26 Oak Bay Alumni Association AGM. Everyone Welcome.

Class of 63 50 year reunion, June 21-23

New School Updates May 22nd at Oak bay

May 10 Grad Dinner Dance , Laurel Point Inn

June 18 Grad Ceremony at UVic

Fine Arts

Mar 4 Ukelele Festival, 7:00 pm, West Auditorium

April 17 West Coast Choir Festival, all day event, West Auditorium

April 24 Choir Spring Sing, St Aidian's Church

May 7-8 Evening of Dance, 7:00 pm, West Auditorium

May 21 Year End Band Concert, 7 pm , West Auditorium

May 23 Year End Strings concert, 7:00pm, West Auditorium

May 30 JR/SR Drama Presentation, 7:00 pm, West Auditorium

June 5 Year End Choir Concert, 7:00 pm, West Auditorium

June 12-13 Grade 9 Musical Theater

For more information, please visit: <http://oakbay.sd61.bc.ca>

