



# Fairbridge Gazette

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE ... Phil Field

Hello to all!

As this is the last issue of the Gazette before our General Meeting (Reunion August 25/26, '89) I thought that it would be a timely opportunity for me to express my appreciation to the Executive members for their enthusiasm and cooperation over the past two years. In addition to working as an Executive Committee, specific responsibilities were assigned to several ongoing committees, and I thought you might like to know who worked on what for you, as follows:

### Reunion Committee

Peter Forrest (chairperson)  
Anne Forrest  
Eunice Nickolls

### Bursary Committee

John Hardy (chairperson)

### Heritage Committee

Pat Webb

### Gazette

Eunice Nickolls

### Membership

Molly Harris

Many thanks to all of them - not forgetting Keith Hamblett (Recording Secretary), Joe Fenton (Nominating Officer & Director), and George White (Director). My thanks, too, to those who assisted these Directors.

I would like to express my appreciation to Molly Harris for her work over the past few years. Any organization, particularly a voluntary one, needs a central focal point of communication, contact, and interest, if it is to stay healthy and active. Molly has been a central figure in nurturing and furthering our organization. She has been diligent in keeping open lines of communication with people who are important to our organization.

So, once again - my thanks to Molly and all of my Directors. You have all made my job relatively easy and we have made progress on all of our objectives. My thanks also to all of you who stayed in contact with us and who have an interest in our organization. See you at the Reunion. Thanks and goodbye for now.

## REUNION UPDATE ... Peter Forrest '89 Reunion Chairman

Fairbridge Alumni Association - 1989  
August 25, 26 and 27

To those of you who have not sent in their forms for the Reunion - please take a minute or so to do this so we can have a good idea as to how many will be attending. Our schedule is as follows:

### Friday, 25th August

- Check-in 3-5 p.m.
- Wine & Cheese 7 p.m.

### Saturday, 26th August

- General Meeting & elections 9:30 a.m.
- Extra Check-in for Late Arrivals
- Afternoon - free time
- Tea at Fairbridge 2-4 p.m.
- Banquet 7 p.m.

### Sunday, 27th August

- No host brunch

Bring your swim suits - the Inn has a great indoor pool.

Molly Harris will be available at check-ins for you to pay your dues.

## CORRESPONDING SECRETARY/TREASURER... Molly Harris

This & that from the mail -

1. It is hard to believe that some of us have now reached that glory age of retirement where our life long dreams can now be fulfilled. Mollie Preece, for one, assures me that she now intends to finish travelling around the world. She promises to stay away from the war zones but with all the trouble spots in the world lately I'm afraid it doesn't leave much to see. Take care, Mollie.

2. The mother and daughter from Australia (as mentioned in the last issue of the Gazette) arrived on schedule and were shown a full programme during their short stay here, and my thanks go out to all those who offered their time and help. They were presented with a souvenir spoon as a memento of their visit here. On our school visit it was a marvelous sight to see so many workers on the roof of the Chapel. It already shows signs of its original state and those who have contributed to this fund can be proud.



3. Speaking of Australia - remember I have two very interesting booklets about their schools and will be bringing them to the reunion for all to see. Plus John Stock (the English Professor in Korea, and an O.E. is hoping the video tape on the Molong 50th anniversary reunion might be here in time for our reunion. Thanks, John, for your interest in our school and alumni here in Canada. John has also viewed the video tapes from our archives and one day intends to visit here. We will look forward to your visit, John.

4. A letter from Mr. Berkefeld of Burford Management Services Limited advises that there is still some property available on the old school site and more information can be obtained by contacting Mr. Gordon Grier of the Duncan Realty Co. Ltd., 481 Trans Canada Highway, Duncan, B.C. V9L 3R7, Telephone 748-3156

5. I will be seated alongside the reunion committee collecting memberships and am looking forward to seeing you all again.

#### HERITAGE COMMITTEE ... Pat Webb

To those Fairbridgians who were fortunate enough to have spent some time at Fintry and to those who would like to learn some of the story of Fintry, I have been able to gather some pictures and some write-ups on the subject that might bring back memories for some and an insight for others.

A fair amount of this material was donated by Art and Marie Harrop who were Staff at Fintry in my time there. They are living in Kelowna now and are enjoying their retirement there. They will be attending the reunion in August and I am sure they would be happy to meet old friends, and answer any questions you might have on Fintry. Thank you, Art and Marie.

I was able to secure a Fintry Fairbridge Extra Fancy apple box and am using it to display this memorabilia from Fintry and will bring it to the reunion for your perusal. I hope that you will enjoy this memory lane back to Fintry.

No other response to my request for any Heritage Artifacts that may be lying around. It would have been nice to have heard from some of you and maybe shared these memories of our time at Fairbridge. Maybe you will respond when you reflect on it for a while.

The Fairbridge Chapel will be coming up for discussion at the Annual meeting. The Chapel Society will be looking for your support in this very worthwhile restoration project, a tangible link with our time at Fairbridge. Give it your support in any way that you can feel comfortable with.

See you at the reunion.

#### FAIRBRIDGE ALUMNI BURSARY SOCIETY ... John Hardy

The FAA executive, meeting Saturday, June 17, recommended that the bursary fund be registered for tax purposes as a charitable organization.

Alumni have voted at a general meeting not to register the Alumni Association under the Societies Act, mainly because there was no immediate need to register at that time. Accordingly, the executive tried to stay with that intent by seeking to register the fund as an independent entity.

This means the fund will have its own name, directors, and rules on how it is to be governed under the Societies Act. Alumni members who will serve as directors in interim to get the fund registered include Eunice Nickolls, John Cowans, Keith Hamblett, Tom Speed, Dick Speed, Phil Field, and John Hardy. Jack Hicks, a Duncan lawyer who was responsible for registering the Chapel Heritage Society, is looking after the fund registration.

It is anticipated that we will have a clear set of recommendations regarding the fund for the Alumni General Meeting in August. In the meantime, you should be aware that the fund has been invested and may reach \$23,000 this summer.

Plans call to place the fund when it is registered in the Vancouver Foundation, a non-governmental community foundation which holds as a perpetual endowment the capital gifts, bequests, and assignments of the more than 350 Trust Funds under its administration representing \$194,025,031. Income from the fund would be disbursed to students.

These students can be taking a course in any recognized institution and be in need of assistance for fees, books, and the like. Primary recipients are Fairbridge Alumni and their issue.

The Alumni executive also approved guidelines for applications for bursaries that will be circulated at the August meeting for membership approval.

#### EDITOR'S MESSAGE ... Eunice Nickolls Editor

Hi, gang!! This is your very last reminder to make your reservations for the Reunion - August 25th and 26th. Trust we will have a good crowd. Since this is my last contribution to the Gazette, I would like to thank all of the Directors for their input to the Gazette. It's been great working with you.

Anne and Peter Forrest are also retiring this year, and on behalf of all of you I want to thank them for their service over the past 40 years. They worked very hard to keep this group together and we owe them a special vote of thanks.

Further to the Secretary/Treasurer's report, a special thanks to Tom Renwick, the man who chauffeured the ladies from Australia. Thanks, Tom!

So, once again, thanks for all of the help I received in putting the Gazette together. To my successor - all the best. Keep the Gazette going.