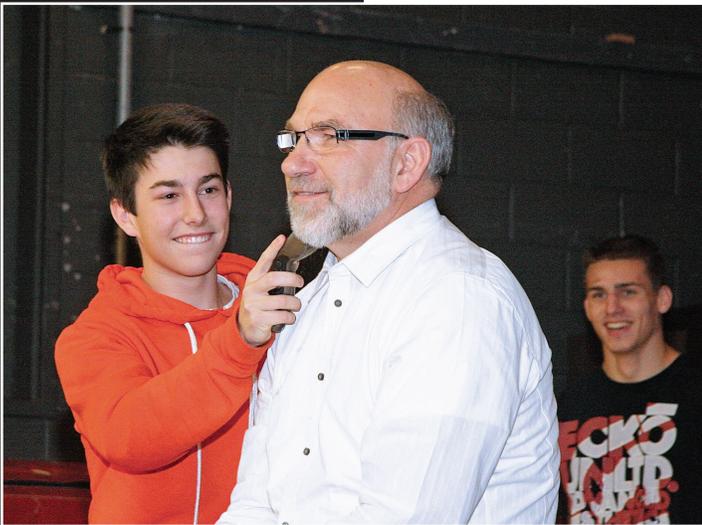


ANOTHER FOOD DRIVE; ANOTHER CHRISTMAS MIRACLE



It seems to be an annual phenomenon that Rockway students outdo themselves in the Christmas Food Drive for the House of Friendship. For the third year in a row, the school has exceeded the previous food drive record. The total this year was over 27 000 food items, or 95 cans/student. At the beginning of the food drive, the goal seemed unreachable; however, the Christmas spirit seemed to end up going viral as students canvassed for cans, donated their own money and convinced their families to make this a Christmas giving project.

Our Student Council helped to make the giving joyful by planning special events like Mr. Harder wearing a fetching dress for a day, organizing a teacher-student basketball game, having an auction to “pie” student council members, getting Charles Kruger to dye his hair and convincing teachers to have a Rockway version of “So You Think You can Dance.” Of course, none of that seemed to match the ultimate motivator of seeing what Mr. Wikerd has been hiding from the Rockway community behind his natty beard, a beard that was ceremoniously removed on Monday, December 17. All in all, the food drive was a great community event that was a lot of fun and did a lot of good in the community. Thanks to all the students, teachers and parents for their enthusiastic support.

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate presents

Alumni Music Series Recital

Thursday, May 16, 2013 < 7:30 pm < Doors open at 7:00 pm
A free-will offering will be taken

Featuring Carol Isaac '80 (Piano) & Stephanie Kramer '74 (Vocal)

Carol Isaac



Carol Isaac '80 is a sought-after Vocal Coach, University Educator, Concert Pianist and is the full time Assistant Conductor at the Metropolitan Opera (New York). Her upcoming season also includes recitals in Canada, the US and the Czech Republic.

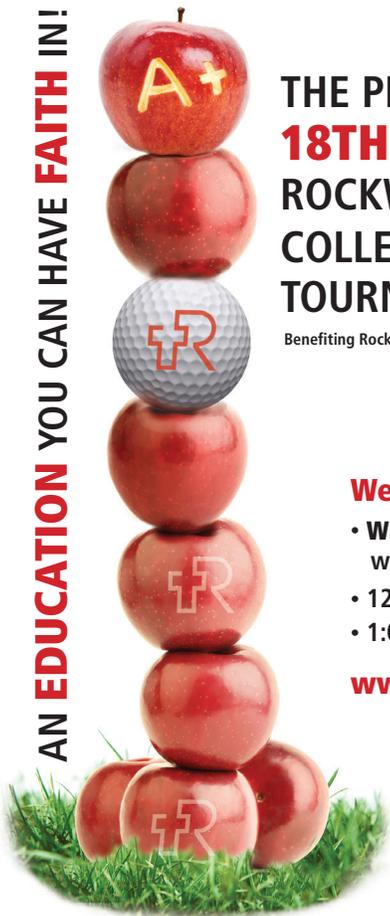
Stephanie Kramer



Stephanie Kramer '74 is a Soprano Soloist and Voice Instructor/Studio Coordinator at Conrad Grebel University College, Waterloo, ON. Ms Kramer will be accompanied by Alison Enns '92.

For more information < www.rockway.ca

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THE PRESTIGIOUS 18TH ANNUAL ROCKWAY MENNONITE COLLEGIATE GOLF TOURNAMENT!

Benefiting Rockway Mennonite Collegiate Scholarship Fund

Wednesday, June 5th

- Willow Valley Golf Course
www.willowvalleygolf.com
- 12:00 pm Lunch & Sign-in
- 1:00 pm Shotgun Start

www.rockway.ca/golf



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ALUMNI OF ROCKWAY!**

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KEEP UP WITH ONGOING EVENTS AT ROCKWAY!
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To join, go to the Rockway website at www.rockway.ca
Look under "News and Alumni" and
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Find and click on "Rockway Alumni Group" which
will take you to the "Alumni of Rockway Mennonite
Collegiate" Facebook Page

NOTE: Recent changes to Facebook resulted in our original Rockway Mennonite Collegiate Alumni group being deactivated so you will need to rejoin through the above process to get back on board.

CLASS OF '87



On Nov. 3rd of the Homecoming weekend, 12 of us from the class of 1987 got together at my house in Roseville to celebrate our 25 year reunion. It is hard to believe it has been that long. It seemed like people had barely changed. I personally am very thankful for hair colouring. We enjoyed a potluck meal together and catching up on what everyone has been up to. Some jammed on instruments in our band room while others played pool and ping pong. A few stayed late and went in the hot tub. I couldn't believe how far some drove to come but was so glad they did. It was an all around great evening of food and fellowship.

SUBMITTED BY SHERI (STOLTZ) FREY

40 YEARS WISER!!

Nine of our graduating class met for the afternoon in one of the Rockway classrooms on Homecoming weekend, Nov. 3, 2012 to reconnect, reminisce and enjoy snacks together. For some people, they had not seen each other since graduating – that's a long time! We had two classmates who made the effort to come from Indiana and PA to be with us. Those people were Loren Johns and Stan Shantz, who are both very involved in the Mennonite Church – professor at AMBS and pastor in PA respectively – a testimony, maybe in part, to Rockway's teachings and values. Favourite topics for reminiscing seemed to be sports, choir and MSEC trips, and pranks that were played. We shared about our families and our lives over the past 40 years. It was good to be together again.

Then it was time for the Auction Extravaganza, which 2 of our very own alumni have been instrumental in for years – Calvin Jutzi and Judy Gascho-Jutzi. Two other alumni from our class, Larry Shantz and Karen Eby, came during the auction time and we had a chance to connect with them as well.

All in all, we had a wonderful time with those that came. We would have enjoyed reconnecting with many more from our class as well – maybe at our 50th !! We'll be 50 years wiser then!!

SUBMITTED BY ESTHER CRESSMAN



CLASS OF '72

LEFT TO RIGHT – JUDY GASCHO-JUTZI, CAL JUTZI, STAN SHANTZ, DONNA WEBER, LOREN JOHNS AND HIS WIFE, RACHEL, NEIL MARTIN, ESTHER (WITMER) AND BRUCE CRESSMAN. NOT PICTURED – GLORIA (SNIDER) AND HER HUSBAND, ALDON GIBSON

NOVEMBER 1-3 CONNECTIONS WEEKEND 2013

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SPAGHETTI SUPPER

Friday, November 1st
5:00 pm

The weekend kicks off with our delicious spaghetti feast prepared by our Grade 10 students and Mr. Wikerd. The money raised goes to support the class trip to Quebec City. Support a great cause and the best part is: There's no cooking and no dishes to clean up!

ALUMNI SPORT CHALLENGE

Friday, November 1st

7:00 pm – Alumni Women vs Rockway Flames Sr. Girls Basketball Team
8:15 pm – Alumni Men vs Rockway Flames Sr. Boys Basketball Team

After your spaghetti feast, you can join the action in the gym (as either a player or a spectator). Gather with friends, family and former classmates to see who will prevail: The inexperienced, energetic youth or the more experienced, much slower athletes of the past! All Alumni interested in playing basketball should contact Bernie Burnett at bernieb@rockway.ca or 519-342-0007 ext. 3011

20th ANNUAL AUCTION EXTRAVAGANZA

Saturday, November 2nd
6:00 pm

Rockway's premiere fundraising event has something for everyone. The silent auction features 5 closing times and runs alongside the live auction with auctioneers from M.R. Jutzi Auction & Co. Spend some time enjoying coffee and delicious snacks in the cafe which raises funds for the Grade 11 France/Germany exchange.

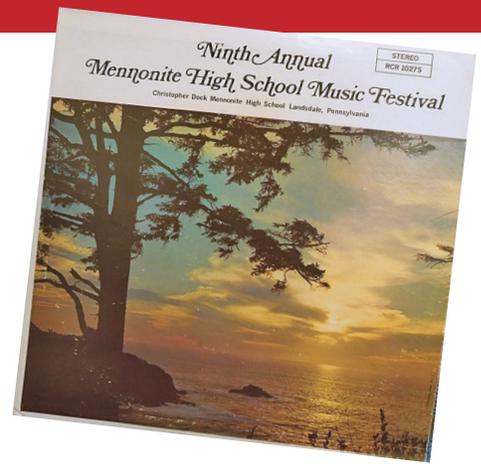
Make a Difference Day Sunday, November 3rd

A day of worship for Junior Youth in partnership with Mennonite Church Eastern Canada.

www.mcec.ca for more info!



ROCKWAY ALUMNI RE-CONNECTS WITH CHOIR PARTICIPANTS FROM THE PAST!



Who would have thought that when Lorrie Brubacher '71 participated in the annual Mennonite High School Music Festival in 1971, she would make new friends that would last a lifetime and they would all meet up at Greensboro Mennonite Fellowship (GMF).

Lorrie moved to Greensboro in 2007 and began attending GMF. Lorrie grew up in Canada, and had graduated from Rockway Mennonite High School in Kitchener, Ontario, in 1971, where she had been part of the Chamber Choir that attended the Music Festival.

In April 1971, the 9th Annual Mennonite High School Music Festival was held at Christopher Dock Mennonite High School,

Lansdale, Pennsylvania. Coincidentally, this year's Mennonite Schools Council (MSC) Music Festival was also hosted recently by Christopher Dock Mennonite High School.

John Bender and Mildred Yoder (Class of 1971) were members of the Belleville Mennonite School (BMS) Touring Choir that participated in the Music Festival. John and Mildred were married in 1973 and after several work-related moves, have been living in Greensboro, North Carolina since 2000.

In 2006 Dana and Sharon (Hostetler) Grieser from Winston Salem, NC began attending GMF. They were from Ohio and Sharon Hostetler grew up in Hartville, Ohio and attended Central Christian School in Kidron, Ohio. She was from the Class of 1971 there.

John and Mildred still have a record from the music festival and on the back of the record package there is a photo of the combined choir which was led by Alice Parker Shaw. Interesting enough Mildred, Sharon and Lorrie were all very close together in the photo.

Proverbs 16:9, "The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps." During 1971 none of us ever planned to go to North Carolina, but God has a plan! God led each of us through personal journeys including many joys, some disappointments, career and location changes, and brought the four of us from different parts of the United States and Canada, who didn't know each other at the Music Festival, to become special friends and servants at GMF.

THANK YOU, JOHN AND MILDRED, FOR SHARING YOUR STORY AND TO BELLEVILLE MENNONITE SCHOOL FOR ALLOWING ROCKWAY TO REPRINT THIS ARTICLE!

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