

# REFLECTIONS

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NEWSLETTER: PEOPLE, NEWS AND EVENTS



Graduating Class of 2016

## CONGRATULATIONS, CLASS OF 2016!

Meet Rockway's Class of 2016, ready to take on the world, building wonder, respect and bridges beyond Rockway's walls. Most of the fifty-eight graduates are now in their first year of post-secondary studies, while some have taken the year to learn in the classroom of life, working and travelling as far away as South Africa and Australia.

## 'Discover Rockway' Open House Welcomes 50 Families

Do you remember your first visit to Rockway? For many Alumni and students their first visit was to a Rockway Open House. Often, 'Discover Rockway' is the first step on an important journey of learning, faith and character-building. In November, we welcomed 50 families to 'Discover Rockway 2016'. During the evening they met faculty, toured classrooms, and chatted with Alumni, parents and students. "It was exciting to see so many families, but more exciting to think of what awaits future students," remarked David Lobe, '96, Director of Admissions and Recruitment, and Rockway parent (davidl@rockway.ca, 519-342-0007 x3029).

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*"I am thankful that I was blessed with such a great education and that I was surrounded by many faculty members that cared about me and my success in life."*

Jacob Einwechter, '15  
Alumni Volunteer,  
Discover Rockway 2016

## ROCKWAY MEANS BUSINESS

Starting in September 2017, International Business Fundamentals (BBB4M) will be available to Grade 11 and 12 students, and a Business Leadership: Management Fundamentals (BOH4M) will be available to Grade 12 students; both are University/College Preparation Courses.

Rockway's program offerings have always been rooted in its mission, and this new program is no exception. Students will be challenged to understand the fundamentals of international business and business leadership, while incorporating the lenses of faith and values. The importance of ethics in business, and the impact that social responsibility can make in our local and global world will be explored through curriculum and practical, experiential learning.

Special thanks to the Advisory Committee members (three business owners, one professor, one high school educator and one marketing strategist), who are helping create this new program!

*"I am very pleased that Rockway will be offering courses which will enhance knowledge and develop skills of students who have an interest in entrepreneurship whether it be in the social, public sector, private business or other domains. These courses will have the potential of strengthening the ability of Rockway's alumni to make a positive contribution to the world."*

~ James Schlegel, '86

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## A Year of Grounded and Growing

Our 2015-2016 Chapel theme of 'Grounded & Growing' celebrated Rockway's 70th Anniversary. The Alumni Reunion Choir, led by Jan Overduin, Robert L. Shantz and Ann L. Schultz, came together in June to give voice to this wonderful legacy. Inspired by the same theme, Rockway's recent Annual Meeting looked at how we remain grounded in faith, values and the four pillars: responsible, globally-minded, compassionate and reflective learners. And how we are also growing to ensure students are prepared for a big world.



Rockway's Alumni Reunion Choir



Ann L. Schultz, '84, Principal

## CLICK TO KNOW MORE

Rockway's 2015-2016 Annual Report is now available on-line: [www.rockway.ca](http://www.rockway.ca) You will find it on the *About* and *Supporting Rockway* pages. I invite you to read it. It reports on Rockway's daily mission, recruitment, financial health, and on the past year's activities, all made possible with your support.

May this be a blessed time for you and your family as we celebrate the birth of Christ. Merry Christmas!

BUILD **WONDER.**  BUILD **RESPECT.**  BUILD **BRIDGES.**





## We're Heading to Costa Rica!

Rockway hosts a vibrant Exchange and Travel program for students. It encourages new ways of learning and opportunities to build bridges around the world.

New! This year, eligible Grade 11 and 12 students will be travelling to Costa Rica for nine days next March. Led by our Science department, students will encounter the rain forest, cloud forest and marine environments. They will observe research at a Quaker community and on the Pacific coast.



Rockway Vice-Principal, Dennis Wikerd, and the 2015/16 students of the Rockway/Weierhof Exchange to France-Germany.

## PROMOTING CROSS-CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING

Since 1994, Rockway has taken eligible Grade 11 students to Europe as an extension of its French and German language programs. We are fortunate to have a formal exchange relationship with Gynasium Weierhof, a German high school in Bolanden, established by Mennonites and close to the French-German border.

At their first destination last summer, students toured the Reformers' Monument and heard the Martin Luther story at Worms, toured a Jewish Quarter and Cathedral, and visited the Mennonite Research Centre in Weierhof, Germany. The European Parliament and the Cathedral and medieval city of Strasbourg were next on their itinerary. Final days were spent enjoying the sights and sounds of Paris, France.

On their last day in Alsace, the students visited the Natzweiler-Struthof Concentration camp (1941-1944). Student, Dani, reflected *"I'll never forget the feeling I got walking through the entrance gate into the camp. I felt like an air of heaviness came down and engulfed me. Our walk through the camp just got more heartbreaking."* Today, the camp is preserved as a museum and tells the history of war, the concentration camps, and the aftermath leading up to the formation of the European Union. Fellow student, Katie adds, *"The camp is a stark reminder of our history, a cruel and horrific one, one that we must learn from and do all in our power from letting it ever be repeated."*

Students return from this trip with a better understanding of our European partners, lasting friendships, and memories of a lifetime. Such trips are part of Rockway's commitment to students experiencing the 'world' beyond our borders. We encourage students to go as inquisitive, non-judgmental travelers, building a foundation for their lifelong global living and learning.





*"It is with great pleasure that I often think of Rockway, and the many wonderful friends who attended when I did."*

Martha (Martin) Snyder, '54

## Calling All Alumni!

Join us on-line:  
Rockway Mennonite Collegiate  
Alumni LinkedIn Group.  
Share your Rockway memories  
and stay up to date.



We thanked Retired Teachers and Staff at a special Connections breakfast

## EXCITEMENT AND FRIENDSHIP AT THE ALUMNI SPORTS CHALLENGE

The drought is over! Rockway's Senior Boys Volleyball team overcame the Men's Alumni team to prevail in a five-set Connections Alumni Sports Challenge classic.

This is the first time since 2005 that the Senior Boys have won this annual sports favourite. Congratulations to both teams for a thrilling game.

Earlier in the evening Rockway's Senior Girls Volleyball team played the Alumni Women's Team. The Senior team roster was down in numbers. In true Rockway spirit, the teams came together and played a friendly game of volleyball, with all agreeing that the Alumni team should get the honour of recognition on the Challenge trophy.



The Class of '56 Celebrated their 60th Reunion

It was a marvelous day of catching up at 'The Meadows' Social Room in St. Jacobs when thirteen of the Class of '56 gathered for their 60th anniversary. Brought together by Lorraine (Martin) Bauman, Eva (Bauman) Martin, Zenas Buehler and Paul Martin, Alumni enjoyed conversing and reminiscing over photos, yearbooks and other memorabilia, along with a delicious soup lunch and, of course, some cake and ice cream.

Shirley Schultz (Schultz), '56



The Class of '86 – Look how young they look!

## A Time to Reflect and (Re)Connect

Connections Weekend 2016 brought together friends, familiar and new, for a weekend of food, fun and fellowship. The Friday-night Spaghetti Supper saw generations of Alumni – from Grandparents to toddlers a.k.a. 'future Alumni' – sharing around the supper table. Then it was off to the Gym for the Alumni Sports Challenge, which turned into a boisterous evening as the men's marathon Volleyball game kept us all on the edge of our seats. Saturday, we welcomed twenty retired teachers and staff to a lovely breakfast, where guests reconnected and mused about the ages of their children. Across the hall, the Class of '86 spent the afternoon catching up, before we gathered one last time at the Entertainment Gala.

## ALUMNI UPDATES



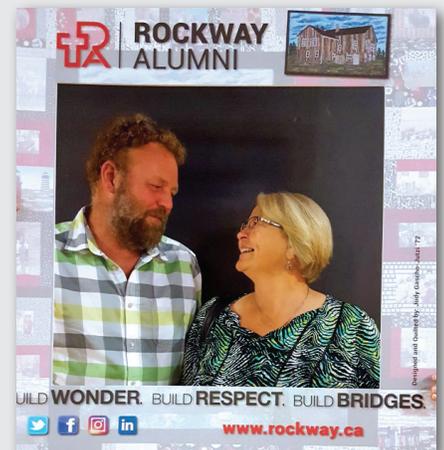
**MARCY (Weber) NINOMIYA ('61)** *"With my husband, Aki, I have been based in Bangkok, Thailand since 2002. Our work is to empower persons with disabilities in the Asia/Pacific Region. I continue to be an active volunteer teaching baking skills to persons with autism/broad spectrum disorders. It is a challenge worth all the effort!!"*



**HENRY FOK ('94)** *"I have been working at MNR Technology (HK) Ltd. (www.mnr-tech.com.hk) since July 2005, and I am now the General Manager. It is a branch office of a US Company located at NH. We have a factory at Dong Guan, China. P.S. Please say 'Hello;' to Mr. Charles Kruger."*

## FOOD. FUN. & FUNK!

Chris Funk presents himself as a Wonderist, and he certainly didn't disappoint at the Connections 2016 Entertainment Gala. It was an evening of food, fun and Funk! Our gratitude to the volunteer Banquet Committee, and other volunteers and staff, who made it an evening to remember. Special thanks to event sponsors whose generosity made the evening possible.



Bruce Bechtel, '80 and Diane Lichti, '79 share a moment before the Entertainment Gala.



The Cross-Country girls ran with a special message: "Guide my feet, while I run this race, yes, my Lord!"



## ROCKWAY FLAMES ROUND-UP

If you have been following Rockway's social media, you will know that the Rockway Flames have been burning up the cross-country circuit and the volleyball courts across Ontario this fall.

The Junior Girls Cross-Country team led the way with a superb season, placing first at the District 8 championship and third overall at CWOSSA with some stellar individual performances and a great team effort all around. They carried a simple message with them, "Guide My Feet," a favourite hymn that the boys team apparently sings before races. Now that's inspiration, Rockway style!

Not to be outdone, the Junior Boys' volleyball team won Silver and the Senior Boys' won Gold at the District 8 championships, with the Senior Boys going on to place fifth overall at the provincial OFSAA playoffs. Congratulations to players, coaches and parents/cheerleaders alike for showing what team spirit and hard work can achieve. Next up?

Rockway's Boys basketball team is off to a winning start. Soon, the Rockway Girls volleyball will also get underway, not to mention our wrestling team as well. Stay tuned! And be sure to keep cheering on your Flames.



A spirited crowd cheered on Rockway's Boys Volleyball Teams in the District 8 Finals



Congratulations! Senior Boys Volleyball Team 2016 District 8 Champions

## Building Respect On-line

SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS WEEK,  
SEPTEMBER 2016

We are living in the age of the Knowledge Revolution. So how can we harness social media for good?

David Balzer, Assistant Professor of Communications and Media at Canadian Mennonite University, led Rockway students, and parents, on an exploration of *Social Media: the Good, the Bad, the Beautiful* during three Chapels, some class visits and an evening workshop. For the Parent Guide and Reading List visit: [www.rockway.ca/ 2016/10/12/ social-media-the-good-the-bad-and-the-beautiful/](http://www.rockway.ca/2016/10/12/social-media-the-good-the-bad-and-the-beautiful/)



The Kehl Family

## EDUCATION AS UNIQUE AS EACH CHILD

Rockway parents, volunteers and donors, Heather and Roger, recently shared in Rockway's Annual Appeal what makes Rockway unique for their children, Zack (Class of '2016) and current students, Rachel and Julia.

*"This small school meets each child where they are in life. It supports and challenges them individually, enabling them to find their own path. This is what makes Rockway unique for each one of our children, and for every student. It's why we think Rockway is worth supporting, and it is why we're asking you to join us and support Rockway too" .*

This Holiday season, give the gift of a Rockway education. If you haven't already done so this school year, please consider a donation to Rockway Mennonite Collegiate in support of daily education and tuition assistance. Without any government funding, Rockway relies on tuition fees, some rental income and donations to maintain its unique experience for students. Visit [www.rockway.ca](http://www.rockway.ca) and click on Donate to donate securely on-line or mail your gift to Rockway by December 31st, 2016, or call us with your credit card donation during school hours: 519-342-0007 x3013. *Thank you.*



Make your grocery shopping count. Shop Rockway to help with your tuition costs and/or to support Rockway. Visit: [www.rockway.ca/students/announcements/shop-rockway/](http://www.rockway.ca/students/announcements/shop-rockway/)

## Rockway's Mission

As a Christian educational community within the Anabaptist Mennonite tradition, Rockway Mennonite Collegiate integrates sound academic learning with growth in character and faith, together with a passion for peacemaking and service to God and all creation.

# SEE YOU SOON! Upcoming Events



**The WIZARD OF OZ**

**MARCH 2-4, 2017**

- ◆ THURSDAY - SATURDAY Evening Shows @ 7:30 pm
- ◆ SATURDAY Matinée @ 2 pm

**ADULTS \$15**  
**12 and under \$10**

Tickets are reserved seating and can be purchased with credit card by phone 519-342-0007 ext. 3012 or in-person by cash, cheque or credit card at Rockway during school hours.

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Join Us!

**ROCKWAY**  
MENNONITE COLLEGIATE

**GRADE 9 INFORMATION NIGHT**

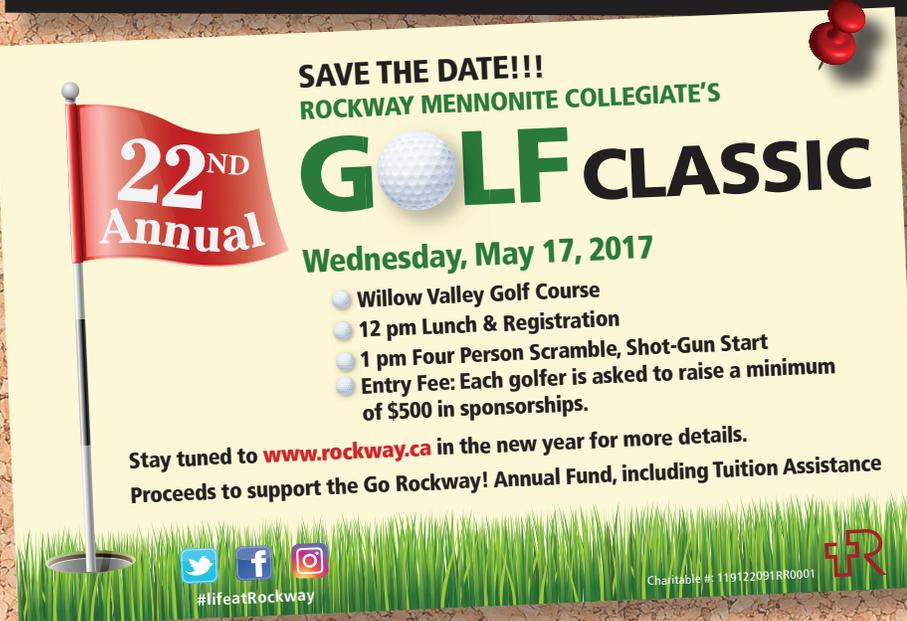
**Tuesday, January 17, 2017**

Complimentary Dinner @ 6:15 pm • Information Session @ 7 pm

Register at [www.rockway.ca](http://www.rockway.ca)

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**SAVE THE DATE!!!**  
ROCKWAY MENNONITE COLLEGIATE'S

**GOLF CLASSIC**

**Wednesday, May 17, 2017**

- Willow Valley Golf Course
- 12 pm Lunch & Registration
- 1 pm Four Person Scramble, Shot-Gun Start
- Entry Fee: Each golfer is asked to raise a minimum of \$500 in sponsorships.

Stay tuned to [www.rockway.ca](http://www.rockway.ca) in the new year for more details.  
Proceeds to support the Go Rockway! Annual Fund, including Tuition Assistance

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