

CELEBRATING 70 YEARS!

ROCKWAY MENNONITE COLLEGIATE

ALUMNI



LIVING LIBRARY

Saturday, October 24, 2015

3:00 - 5:00 pm



## JUDY GASCHO JUTZI '72

was commissioned to design and create a quilt commemorating 70 years of education at Rockway Mennonite Collegiate.

# GREETINGS!

On this, our 70th anniversary year, we celebrate Rockway Mennonite Collegiate's story!

Seventy years ago, visionaries pushed and prodded to advance their mission for Rockway, a faith based school to integrate solid academic learning with growth in character and faith: they had a passion for peacemaking, and they wanted the students to be of service to others and service to God.

I believe Rockway's initial mission statement has been kept alive throughout its history. Rockway has equipped its students to discern values in the world, enable its students to weigh educational and life-style choices, inspire academic achievement, foster a safe and stimulating school environment, be a caring community and learning environment where individual worth is respected.

As you read this Living Library Booklet and reflect on the career paths of seven alumni, may it be a reminder of how the Rockway story and its mission continues to live on!

This is a week-end to celebrate the Rockway story – thanks for joining us!

**Ann L. Schultz**  
Principal



# MEET OUR LIVING LIBRARY “BOOKS”

Alumni Living Library participants will be available in the Library.

**Robert (Bob) Witmer '48**

Retired Pastor

**Mary (*nee Hunsberger*) Schiedel '55**

Retired Teacher and Pastor

**Brad Schlegel '86**

Businessman and Retired Professional Hockey Player

**Konrad Sauer '89**

Custom Hand Plane Designer

**Carrie Snyder '93**


Author

**Jenny Enns Modolo '97**

Professional Signer

**Ashleigh Laine '08**

Student



Visit [www.rockway.ca](http://www.rockway.ca) to book your interactive Living Library “Book” for a 10 min loan period. Pre-registration is recommended.



## ROBERT (BOB) WITMER '48

Retired Pastor

I met my wife Lois while at Rockway. We graduated in 1948, were married a year later, and, after that, spent 4 years in College and 3 years in Seminary.

In 1956 Lois and I became missionaries to France with the Mennonite Board of Missions who had begun working in partnership with the French Mennonites in France in 1954. I served as executive secretary for their Mission Mennonite Française for 26 years, pastored a church and developed a "Sheltered Workshop" program for mentally challenged youth. Our Centers for persons with mental handicaps expanded, and now more than 90 centres function with the help of about 2400 staff. From 1985 to 1995 we pastored a church in Rouyn-Noranda , Quebec.

In 1995 we retired and moved to Fairview Mennonite Home and we recently celebrated our 66th Wedding Anniversary.

I am hoping to soon finish my story entitled: *Emmanuel (God with us) – As I lived it.*



## MARY (NEE HUNSBERGER) SCHIEDEL '55

Retired Teacher and Pastor



Teaching took me to Moose Factory Island, back to Rockway, and then to Kenya. After my marriage to George, who was widowed with three teenage sons, one more son was born. Now, I have 13 grandchildren and an increasing number of great-grandchildren! George passed away 4 years ago.

I changed careers in mid-life to become a Pastor in several churches in MCEC. During my retirement, I wrote *Pioneers in Ministry*, a book about women pastors in Ontario. I continue to live in Waterloo.

## BRAD SCHLEGEL '86

Businessman and Retired Professional Hockey Player

For the past 8 years I have been involved in our Family Business. My role is to lead the design and construction activities for development of our projects in the area of Seniors Care, Mental Health and Addictions Treatment, Commercial Development, and Agriculture.

Previously, I enjoyed a 19 year professional hockey career, which included 2 Olympic Games, 2.5 seasons in the NHL, and 12 seasons in Europe.

I enjoy reading history and politics.



## KONRAD SAUER '89

Custom Hand Plane Designer

I left Rockway to attend a 3 year program in Graphic design and advertising at Conestoga College. I worked as an editorial illustrator at the K-W Record, in package design for a year, and then 10 years as an art director at a firm in Toronto.

In my spare time, I took up woodworking so I could build my own furniture. It was through furniture making that I learned about hand planes. I started making my own for personal use, and someone asked if I could make them one. That marked the beginning of a 14 year career making custom hand planes.

Today, I still make furniture for my own use, and the occasional commissioned piece, but most of my time is spent building planes.



## CARRIE SNYDER '93

Author

I write literary fiction. My most recent book, *Girl Runner*, was a finalist for the 2014 Rogers Writers' Trust Prize for fiction and is being translated into 12 foreign languages. My first book for children was published this spring, called *The Candy Conspiracy*.

I teach creative writing at the University of Waterloo. I love to run. My husband and I live in Waterloo with our four children and two dogs. I blog. I could write a book about scheduling and time management (but haven't yet).

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## JENNY ENNS MODOLO '97

Professional Singer

I graduated from Rockway in 1997 and went on to study voice at WLU. After finishing a BMus degree in performance at Laurier, I came back to Rockway as a TA for one year and then went out into the world as a professional singer.

I teach private voice lessons out of my home, at Rockway and at Redeemer University College. I love performing and do so regularly as a mezzo soprano soloist with choirs throughout Ontario and across Canada. When I'm not doing something musical, I'm chasing after my three children with my husband Mark, playing volleyball, perhaps crocheting, or even sneaking in a nap.

# ASHLEIGH LAINE '08

Student

After graduating Rockway, I completed my BSc. in Kinesiology at the University of Waterloo and spent a semester in England on an academic exchange. I've travelled to various countries around Europe and Southeast Asia and also spent some time working as an au pair in Australia.

I'm currently working towards a MSc. Occupational Therapy at the University of Western Ontario.





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