

REFLECTIONS

FALL 2018

NEWSLETTER: HAPPENINGS, ALUMNI NEWS AND EVENTS



L-R, James Seyler ('96), John Seyler ('99), David Seyler, Susan Seyler ('71), and Rachel Seyler ('02)

CREATING A FAMILY TRADITION

A few years ago, David and Susan Seyler ('71) purchased quilts at Rockway's annual auction. The quilts were a special gift to each of their children, James, John and Rachel. The children are Alumni of Rockway Mennonite Collegiate.



Susan explains, "David and I were happy to support the school by bidding on and buying the quilts years ago and we hope our three Rockway alumni will treasure them in the future." The quilts were specially made, and donated to the Rockway auction, by local fibre quilt artist, Judy Gascho-Jutzi ('72).

Today, James serves in management with the Canadian civil service; John is a local Senior Automotive Technician; and, Rachel is a registered Kinesiologist.

David and Susan surprised the children with the quilts at a recent family dinner. The dinner was an item the Seylers' had successfully bid on during Rockway's *BIG Night Out* 2017 mini-live auction. Three generations of Seylers enjoyed a meal prepared by our very own David Lobe ('96), Director of Admissions and Recruitment. This prize will again be offered at *BIG Night Out*, October 27, 2018; tickets available at rockway.ca.

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A SMALL SCHOOL
FOR A BIG WORLD

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Spiritual Emphasis Week

DOWN to EARTH:





A Focus on Creation Care

September 25 - 27, 2018

GUEST SPEAKERS: Jennifer Schrock, Tom Hartzell
Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center of Goshen College

EVENING SESSION*: Wednesday, September 26, 2018
7-8:30 pm • Rockway Assembly Area

*Sponsored by MCEC. Parents and community welcome!

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DOWN TO EARTH: A FOCUS ON CREATION CARE

Join us as we welcome Jennifer Schrock and Tom Hartzell from Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center of Goshen College, Indiana. Schrock is the Communications Coordinator at Merry Lea and is leader of the Mennonite Creation Care Network. Hartzell is Coordinator of residential undergraduate programs at Merry Lea and also serves as an environmental educator in their K-12 school programs. Schrock and Hartzell will give three chapel addresses and visit classes. Rockway students will learn and reflect upon 'Creation Care'.

We invite you to a special evening talk, "Naming our Temptations," by Jennifer on **Wednesday, September 26, 7:00-8:30 pm** at Rockway Mennonite Collegiate. *This complimentary presentation is made possible by the generous support of Mennonite Church Eastern Canada and its member congregations.* Today, it is difficult to contemplate environmental issues like climate change without falling into denial and despair. Recognizing these responses as temptations is a place to start our conversation. Plan to attend and participate in this important and timely dialogue with students as part of Rockway's 2018-2019 Chapel theme: *Fanning the Flame*, which places students squarely at the forefront of proactive change.

CELEBRATING A LEGACY OF SERVICE

Last June, we honoured two of Rockway's long-standing faculty members, Rob Klassen, who taught Math and Physics, and Charles ('Chuck') Kruger, who taught English. Their families witnessed an outpouring of heartfelt appreciation as Alumni and peers, former and present, reminisced about Rob and Chuck's legacy of a combined 56 years of teaching.



Retiring faculty members, Rob Klassen (pictured left, 4th from left) and Chuck Kruger (pictured right, 3rd from right) share their retirement celebration with family during the end-of-school year faculty/staff luncheon.



Golf Classic 2018 tournament champions and 2002 Alumni, (L-R) Andrew Schiedel, Doug Blair, and Amy Schlegel, with team member, Mike Howard (right) and Principal, Ann L. Schultz ('84) (left)

CHIPPING IN FORE ROCKWAY STUDENTS

At the 23rd Annual Rockway Golf Classic, alumni and friends team up to fundraise in support of future alumni-tournament proceeds fund tuition assistance for current students and families.

For the past 23 years, golfers, with the support of our tournament hosts and many prize donors, have raised almost \$500,000 (net). They have helped over 150 students and families, like this one:

"We are deeply grateful for the opportunity our sons had to attend Rockway Mennonite Collegiate. Without the financial assistance they received from Rockway, it would not have been possible given our circumstances at the time. Not only the studies under the leadership of dedicated, faith-led instructors, but also extra-curricular activities, such as participating in choirs, committees, travel opportunities, etc., rounded out their education.

A salute to the continuing fine, well-motivated instruction. At this point, we are happy to give a donation out of our gratitude for the help we received."

— FORMER ROCKWAY PARENTS AND DONORS

SAVE THE DATE: 24th Annual Rockway Golf Classic
Wednesday, May 29, 2019, Willow Valley Golf Course
Online sign-up opens in 2019

SOLAR ROOF PANELS — COUNTING THE SAVINGS!

In five short years, our solar panel array has paid for itself. In addition to providing more sustainable energy, these panels are also now generating income.

During the most recent fiscal year, the solar panels generated \$12,895. These funds help Rockway's bottom-line as we continue to maintain and up-grade facilities.

LEAD US ONWARD
 The Campaign to Build Bright Futures

THE FUTURE IS LOOKING BRIGHTER

In 2016-2017, you helped us launch a 4 year/\$3 million campaign to fuel bright futures.

You have since led us onward with your generosity to over \$2 million in gifts and pledges.

By doing so you are revitalizing facilities, supporting families with vital tuition assistance, creating innovative programming for students, and building a more sustainable Rockway.

Thank you.

Students will continue to see improvements as we finish refurbishing music portables and start tackling roof replacements. Stay tuned to rockway.ca for more updates on our progress.



Rockway's Class of '88 started their Connections Weekend early with a 30th reunion earlier this year.

COME HOME TO CONNECTIONS WEEKEND 2018

Come home to Connections Weekend and (re)connect with your Rockway Alumni, families and friends in support of future Alumni. Check out your Connections Weekend brochure (enclosed), for all the events and activities. We can't wait to welcome you home!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26 – Bring the whole family for *The Gr. 10 Spaghetti Supper Student Fundraiser* in the Assembly Area. Stop by Rockway's Community Silent Auction in Gym A and then head over to Gym B/C for the *Alumni Sports Challenge* and buy some Marble Slab Creamery ice cream.



If you're a former Rockway Flames volleyball player, please sign up for the Alumni volleyball teams; contact **Andrew McMurtry, 519-743-5209 x3601** or andrewm@rockway.ca

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27 – Retired and Former Rockway Faculty and Staff will be invited for breakfast. Featured Alumni Classes (years ending in 3 or 8 e.g. 1973, 2018, etc.) will host Class Reunions. And **everyone is welcome** to the *BIG Night Out fundraising dinner & show*.



If you're part of a Featured Alumni Class, connect with your Class to start planning your Class Reunion. We can help! Contact **Andrew McMurtry, 519-743-5209 x3601** or andrewm@rockway.ca



Buy your BIG Night Out tickets at rockway.ca

Questions? Christine at advancement@rockway.ca or 519-743-5209 x3011

BIG NIGHT OUT

Everyone is invited to enjoy a *BIG Night Out* full of food, fun and friends in support of Rockway Mennonite Collegiate.

Start the evening with some fun 'mocktails'. Enjoy a delicious meal catered by Little Mushroom Catering. Follow it up with dessert provided by Marble Slab Creamery. Then head into the show for performances by local favourites, *Menno Valley Sound* and *Twas Now & Friends*.

HOW MUCH FUN WILL YOU HAVE?
YOU CHOOSE!:

5:30-9:30 pm: Dinner & Show - \$90

Your best value and most fun!

\$90 per person (\$25 charitable tax receipt)

OR

7:30-9:30 pm: Dessert & Show - \$40

Enjoy some mocktails (alcohol-free) and desserts before the Show. \$40 per person (\$20 charitable tax receipt).

TICKETS NOW ON SALE:
rockway.ca or 519-743-5209



ALUMNI BASKETBALL IS BACK!

Teams play at Rockway, Sundays, 7:00-9:00 pm.

This season runs 10 weeks, September 16 to December 16 (*not* including long weekends e.g. Thanksgiving or Connections Weekend).

To sign up and receive weekly basketball notices, please visit www.rockway.ca/alumni/alumni-events/ and complete the online registration form.

Registration includes a *suggested donation* of \$75 for the full ten weeks or \$10 per game, cash or cheque (made out to Rockway Mennonite Collegiate), payable at your first game. Donations support Tuition Assistance and future alumni.

Questions? Contact Christine, 519-743-5209 x 3011 or advancement@rockway.ca



Class of 2016 Alumni, Zach Kehl, and 2015 Alumni, Aaron Ruby and Daniel Martin, came home to Rockway for the Ultimate Alumni Picnic. Mark your calendars for the next Picnic, June 8, 2019.



**ROCKWAY
ALUMNI**



Congratulations, Grade 8 graduating class of 2018!

PUT YOUR OLD VEHICLE TO GOOD USE

Rockway's Design and Technology program welcomes donations of old and used vehicles.

Vehicles that can be repaired and sold provide great real-life experience for students. They also provide additional funds for the auto shop program.

Your donation may qualify for an in-kind charitable donation receipt, which is issued based on the 'fair market value' of the vehicle (with a minimum \$300 receipt for 'scrap value').

If you would like to donate a vehicle, please contact D&T teacher, Don Dyck Steinmann, 519-342-0007 x3320 or donds@rockway.ca or the Main Office, 519-743-5209.

WHY NOT 'SHOP ROCKWAY'?

Before you head to the grocery store, be sure to buy your 'Shop Rockway' gift cards!

Rockway buys gift cards from major stores (Loblaws, Sobeys, Frescho, Food Basics, Metro, and Tim Horton) at a 5% discount, but sells them at face value. The savings are used to support daily school operations. Participating families can also use half of the savings i.e. 2.5% toward their future tuition payments.

There is no expiration date on the cards. They can be used across Canada in any store of any participating chains. Any remaining balance on the cards can be used later.

Stop by the Main Office, 8 am-4 pm, to purchase your grocery store cards. When you do, we'll thank you with your very own 'Shop Rockway' recycled tote.





Congratulations, Grade 12 Class of 2018!

2018 GRADUATION AWARD RECIPIENTS

- **Abundance Spirit of Generosity Award** – Claire Thiessen
- **Bridging Cultures Award** – Inessa Gubareva
- **Civic Leadership Award** – Micah Beech
- **Dennis Wikerd French Language Award** – Rachel Kehl
- **English Scholarship** – Lena Schreyer
- **Governor General's Award** – James Carr-Pries
- **Leadership Award** – Lena Schreyer
- **Lieutenant Governor's Community Volunteer Award**
– Michaiah Bender
- **Lobe Cross Cultural and Service Scholarship**
– Katarina Dyck Steinmann
- **Math & Science Academic Achievement Award**
– James Carr-Pries
- **Peter Hallman Athletics Leadership Scholarship**
– James Carr-Pries and Kean Snider
- **The Record** – Rachel Kehl and Lena Schreyer
- **Rockway Diploma Scholarship** – Katarina Dyck Steinmann
- **The Salome Bauman/Benjamin Eby Scholarship**
– Emma Ruby and James Carr-Pries
- **William Kruger Scholarship** – Kathleen Strathdee
- **Valedictorian Scholarship Award** – Micah Beech
- **Visual Art Scholarship Award** – Rachel Kehl

LESSONS IN GRATITUDE

"I recently lost both of my parents. It was and still is very difficult to accept the fact that I won't see them again on this side of heaven. Their strong faith and mine gives me strength in knowing that I will see them again someday. They left behind a legacy that I was very humbled to accept.

Music was an important part of our family life. My mother was a Rockway alumnae. My siblings and I were very fortunate to be able to attend Rockway where we received a Christian education as well as where we could further our love for music.

I wish to donate a portion of what I received from my parents. My parents sacrificed so much for me to be able to attend Rockway and I want to honor them in this way. Please accept the enclosed donation from me in memory of two wonderful people who I miss very much."

– ROCKWAY ALUMNA



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



Join Us!
DISCOVER ROCKWAY
Thursday, November 8, 2018
7 pm

REGISTER AT
rockway.ca



ROCKWAY'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

All are welcome!

TRUST FOR THE JOURNEY

Thursday, November 22, 2018
7 pm • Rockway Assembly Area

ROCKWAY CHOIR
Church Service Schedule

- Sunday, November 18, 2018
Gr. 10 Choir @ First Mennonite
- Sunday, November 25, 2018
Sr. Choir @ Waterloo North Mennonite

 **See you at Church!**



SAVE THE DATE

Christmas Concert

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2018
7:30 pm
St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Kitchener

NEW! LOCATION

Contact Us

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