

Alma College International Alumnae Association

Newsletter 2024



Toujours en avant

As we remember our past,
we look towards our future.
The site of Dear Old Alma
has transformed, and
Alma College Square
rises from its ashes.



Message from the President

Donna Robertson (62-66)

Dear Alma Alumnae,

As you probably know, June 2022 was the last organized official Annual Reunion. We had a good turnout and lots of fun. On the Friday, we had a wine and cheese event at the apartment building on the Alma property. Mike Loewith brought us up to speed on the future plans for the property. From there, we went to the Elgin County Museum/Archives to see a display of Alma memorabilia. The luncheon on Saturday went well.

Dave Mathers, who was one of the acceptable local boys, spoke about his memories of Alma girls. He is a good storyteller and we all had some laughs.

This is not to say that the Alumnae Association is dead. We hope to continue to send out an electronic newsletter annually, thanks to Lisa Johnson for that (not an easy job). Perhaps we could include more newsy information, so keep us informed as to what is happening in your life.

It will be difficult to maintain the database unless you give us updates. Many of the email address' we have are wrong. Should you want to organize a reunion or get together of your friends or graduating year, we are happy to provide contact information. We will maintain the website, Facebook page and PO Box. The Executive will meet in 2027 to wrap up the Association.

Facebook is our most active platform for communication. Please join us there. Alma College International Alumnae Association is the name of our page. Website is almacollege.20m.com.

The Scholarship Fund is our greatest legacy, please continue to support it. The Fund is managed by the London Community Foundation with an endowed balance of \$125,000. It is invested and gradually growing. We recognize Jean Verity for her generous bequest of \$100,000 which now allows us to grant four scholarships of \$1,250 each per year to young women at the St Thomas high schools. See the information below to make a donation and receive an income tax receipt.

Get Together: We are planning a lunch to be held at 12:00 pm on **Saturday June 15th, 2024**, at The Buccaneer in Port Stanley. Please RSVP to Donna at donnar@rogers.com or 548 288 8854, if you plan to attend. It will be pay as you go. Cut off date is May 24th as there is a maximum capacity at the restaurant. We hope to see many Alma Girls at the lunch!



Reunion 2022



Alma Alumnae Scholarship Fund

St. Thomas Female Student Beneficiary

We remember Alumna, Jean Verity



Alma Years
1961-65



Sunrise 1946
Sunset 2021

Alma College Scholarship Fund Donations

The Alma Alumnae continued to donate to the Alma College Scholarship Fund held at London Community Foundation (LCF) and we were able to establish an endowment of \$25,000. This endowment guaranteed that each year, a young women at a St. Thomas High School is eligible to receive a \$500 scholarship. The scholarship rotates through the four high schools in St. Thomas.

In 2022, the Alumnae Executive received a communication from LCF that alumna, Jean Verity bequeathed **\$100,000** to the Alma College Scholarship Fund. With this generous donation and with approval from the voting alumnae who attended the June 2022 reunion, the scholarship award has changed.

Beginning in the school year of 2022, the scholarship increased to \$1,250 and is now awarded to each of the four high schools.

As an Alma College alumna, each of us must feel proud to have this legacy established so that no one forgets Dear Old Alma!

The Foundation will also accept stocks, investments, and you can leave a donation in your will. Gifts of any size are so welcome!

The table below is a summary of the Alma College Scholarship Fund as of December 2022. At the time of this newsletter, LCF had not finalized 2023 statements. The capital of \$125,000 is the fixed endowment portion. The undistributed income is used to grant the scholarships each year.

Note that St. Joseph's Catholic High School is part of the London District Catholic School Board but is located in St. Thomas.

Alma College Scholarship Fund

Donor Designated Fund Statement
Fundholder since 2018

for the period ending December 31, 2022

Fund Balance	Undistributed		
	Capital	Income	Total
Balance January 1, 2022	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 15,461.50	\$ 40,461.50
Donations to fund	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 7,175.00	\$ 107,175.00
Fund Transfer	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Investment income (Loss)	\$ -	\$ (4,318.62)	\$ (4,318.62)
Administration fee	\$ -	\$ (1,686.00)	\$ (1,686.00)
Granted from fund	\$ -	\$ (5,000.00)	\$ (5,000.00)
Net Change	\$ 100,000.00	\$ (3,829.62)	\$ 96,170.38
Balance December 31, 2022	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 11,631.88	\$ 136,631.88
	Available to Grant (from flow-through) in 2023		\$ 11,500.00
	Available to Grant (from endowment) in 2023		\$ -
	Temporarily unavailable (from flow-through) in 2022		\$ 1,273.08

2022 Granting Activity

	Purpose	Amount
Thames Valley Education Foundation	Alma College Alumnae Scholarship	\$ 3,750.00
London District Catholic School Board	Alma College Alumnae Scholarship	\$ 1,250.00

The Scholarship Fund is our greatest legacy, please continue to support it.

To make a gift to the Alma College Scholarship Fund, please send your donation by cheque to:

London Community Foundation
and indicate it is for
the "Alma College Scholarship".

Their address is:
Covent Garden Market
130 King Street
London, ON N6A 1C5

You can also donate online at www.lcf.on.ca by selecting 'Donate' and follow instructions.

If you have any questions, you can contact:
Diane Silva, Director, Philanthropy
at 519.667.1600 ext. 207
or via email at dsilva@lcf.on.ca.

For information about the Scholarship,
ask Alma Alumnae
Patricia (Duncan) Meathrell, 64-69
meathrellpn@yahoo.com

2022 Award Recipients

- Mya Dawdy, Central Elgin
- Payton Herr, Parkside Collegiate
- Julia Thompson, Arthur Voaden
- No recipient for St. Joseph's

2023 Award Recipients

- Emily Dell, Central Elgin
- Delta Collard, Parkside Collegiate
- Chloe Bakker, Arthur Voaden
- Kayleigh Baker, St. Joseph's

Alma College Scholarship

Alumnae Wall of Fame Donors

Thank you for your generosity!

Beverly (Makosky) Avellino
Mary Beth (Beacock) Beere
Géral Billinghamurst
Karen (Jennings) Brennan
Belinda (Hilson) Christmas
Margot (Dennison) Cox
Nancy (Mitson) Dickson
Jean (McKellar) Dollar
Debra (Burr) Downing
Marie (Clark) Graham
Molly (Meuser) Gray
Donnajean (Pattinson) Griffin
Barb (Johnston) Hansen
Karon (Clingersmith) Harris
Laurie (Shmalz) Hugill
Dianne (Ishida) Ishida
Barbara (Lamb) Jinkerson
Lisa Johnson
Elizabeth (Weir) Joiner
Ruth (Lewis) Londry
Myfawny Matthews
Diana (Day) Maver
Susan (McCorqudale) Mather
Barb (Corkill) McCallum
Doris (Johnston) McKinley
Laurie (Stewart) Pallett
Juli (Page) Proracki
Suzanne (Wagman) Punzo
Tracey Lynn (Aves) Sheppard
Ann Louise Stevens
Susan (Vaisler) Vaisler
Diane (McCrary) Wastle
Frances (Miller) Wiseman



The Bank Account

As of February 2024, the Alumnae bank account had a balance of **17,998.57**.

At the June 2022 Reunion, the voting members decided the account would remain open until June 2027. In that year, the Executive would make a final decision about the account.

Any outstanding expenses paid and the remaining balance transferred to the Scholarship Fund.





St. Thomas Branch Report

On Thursday January 11, 2024, we had an Alma lunch get together at Denny's in St. Thomas. There were 8 of us that went in the snowy weather. We had a wonderful visit and got caught up with each other. It had been quite some time since we had been together. Hopefully we will be doing it again in April and that some of the London group will join us.



Alma College Alumnae - In Memoriam

We take a moment to remember our alumnae

Alumna Name	City	Years at Alma	Date of Death
Boone, Connie Amy	Paris, ON	1958 - 63	May 13, 2022
Clark, Marie	Mitchell, ON	1949 - 51	October 3, 2023
Cole, Phyllis Ostrander	St Catharines, ON	1939 - 41	February 9, 2023
Craven, Margaret Rowcliffe	London, ON	1952 - 53	March 19, 2022
Finkbeiner, Mary Keith	London, ON	1943 - 45	May 11, 2022
Geiger, Marilyn Ruth Schantz	Victoria, BC	1951 - 52	June 20, 2022
Harris, Laretta Landymore	UK (Staff)	1964 - 66	October 21, 2022
Hernandez, Dulce	Caracus, Venezuela	1959 - 61	December 20, 2023
Hollands, Jill	London, ON	1958 - 59	March 23, 2022
Story, Eleanor Huffman	Tillsonburg, ON	1949 - 50	February 20, 2024
Jenner, Lynda Mae Prong	Strathroy, ON	1964 - 65	October 6, 2022
Knight, Evelyn Smith	St Thomas, ON	1945 - 47	July 17, 2022
Kocher, Judy Hahn	Milton, ON	1960 - 63	August 18, 2022
Mill, Joanne Pearce	London, ON	1957 - 58	September 17, 2022
Miller, Ann Hunton	Abbotsford BC	1950 - 52	August 14, 2017
Robinson, Anita Csiszar	London, ON	1961 - 65	September 28, 2023
Scarrow, Shirley	London, ON	1954 - 56	November 5, 2023
Scott, Margaret	Portage, MB	1981 - 86	February 26, 2024
Sifton, Louise Lyle	St Thomas, ON	1947 - 49	October 10, 2023
Spackman, Sally	St Thomas, ON	1943 - 44	February 9, 2022
Woods, Valerie Poure	Burlington, ON	1962 - 66	September 9, 2022



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Get the latest update on the Alma property by clicking [here](#), including comments from Alumnae, Jane Ann Tasker!