

A Community Newsletter to Connect the
Past, Present and Future

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MARCH 1, 1912 TO 2014

SCHUMACHER, ONTARIO

COMMEMORATING AN OLYMPIAN

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Skating Carnival, McIntyre Arena (Schumacher, ON) – April 1948

BARBARA ANN SCOTT
1948 Olympic Figure Skating Champion and
Schumacher Summer Skating School Alumni

Barbara Ann Scott is a Schumacher Summer Skating School Alumni who spent much time training at the McIntyre Arena en route to being named the 1948 Olympic Figure Skating Gold Medal Champion. She has been recognized by Canada Post as being a "pioneer of winter sports" and honoured with a commemorative stamp. To date, Barbara Ann Scott remains the only Canadian woman to win Olympic Gold in singles figure skating.

In addition to Olympic Gold, Scott, who died in 2012, won national, Northern American, and European championships. Her many accolades include membership in the Order of Canada (1991), the International Women's Sports Hall of Fame (1997) and Canada's Walk of Fame (1998).

The Timmins Stamp Club / Club de Timbres has created a limited edition collectable envelope featuring both a photo of Canada's Sweetheart at a McIntyre Arena Skating Carnival (taken shortly after she was crowned Olympic Champion) in addition to the six-colour lithography stamp. The envelopes, as pictured above, are postmarked February 03, 2014, the first day of issue of the stamps. In recognition of Barbara Ann Scott's sports-related ties to the community, the envelopes were postmarked in Schumacher.

The Timmins Stamp Club / Club de Timbres produced only 100 envelopes. At press time, about 20 were still available. Those interested in purchasing one at a cost of \$5 should contact the club at 705-360-1467.



SUMMER IN SCHUMACHER

To pass the time between fishing trips to nearby lakes and visits to out of town relatives, there was, and still is, so much to do in Schumacher in the summer. Until the late 1980s, most Schumacherites, from newborns to grandparents, gravitated to the McIntyre Park during the hot summer days. I can still remember splashing in the trickling waterfalls, wading in the ponds, spraying water from the fountains, picnic lunches, roasting potatoes wrapped in tinfoil in the fireplaces, and hide and seek around the trees. At night there was always a good baseball game to watch.

Thanks in large part to the Schumacher Lions Club, efforts are ongoing to restore the park to its previous glory. New elements such as a children's play structure, the Miners' Memorial, and additional flower gardens and benches have been incorporated to complement the area. As much as possible, existing remnants of the old park, including the birdhouse, are being preserved. An amphitheatre is currently being constructed at the park by Goldcorp.

Nothing beats a swim on a hot summer day. Many a Schumacher child took morning swimming lessons at the outdoor Schumacher Lions Club swimming pool. (From 1967 until its closure in the 1980s, swimmers experienced the luxury of the indoor pool.) Really hot days called for afternoon swimming (remember those foot baths?) and, if we were really lucky, talking a parent into taking us back to the pool after supper for another dip. Teenagers begged car rides, or made the long trek, to McDonald Lake to enjoy a swim or lay in the sun on the sandy Aunor Beach.

As children, Camp Bickell on Chapman Lake became home for 10 days each summer. We learned the fine art of cleaning "johns", the wonders of coal-oil lamps, how to row a boat, and later, how to properly paddle a canoe. As teenagers, Camp Bickell offered summer employment and, for some, the first opportunity to stand up for our rights. I still recall going on strike with my fellow counsellors during the summer of 1968. We refused to serve supper to our campers and staged a sit-in in the mess hall until the camp leaders agreed to increase our pay from \$1 to \$1.50 ... per day, that is. Camp Bickell is still in operation, albeit with much more modern amenities, and better pay for counsellors.

Those lucky enough to be of Croatian descent, or to have had a friend who was, surely remember those fantastic barbecued lamb picnics at Candy Mountain! In later years, individual families barbecued lambs at the McIntyre Park or at a site off Rae Hill. Today, lambs are often barbecued right in peoples' backyards!

Last but not least, many of us passed long summer days hanging out with the supervisor at the schoolyard. While we played Schumacher's version of cricket with empty oil cans from Brundy's B.A., made sand castles, or just lay under the trees singing songs, the summer seemed to race by. All too soon it was time to dig out a costume and attend the end-of-summer bonfire hosted by the Schumacher Volunteer Fire Department. I loved being a playground supervisor. Over the years, I've shared many of those same songs and games with my nieces, nephews, children, and grandchildren.

Vera Romanowski,
SOS Contributor

Below: Louise Nightingale Smith and a friend splash in a McIntyre Park fountain in 1953. Photo courtesy of Diane Dwyer.



Above from left: Michael Hicks, Brenda Labrecque, and John Hicks at the 1971 SVFD bonfire. Below: McIntyre Park continues to welcome young and old. Photos courtesy of Vera and Lisa Romanowski.



Above: Schumacher Lions Club outdoor pool (from SACHA files). Left: Old Camp Bickell and swimming badges courtesy of Vera Romanowski.





EDITORIAL

Well, my first edition as editor of the SOS Newsletter has proven to be a challenging yet rewarding experience. I hope I've managed to maintain the spirit and feel that was established by interim editor Bridget Yard and previous editor Heather Campbell. Under the guidance of Lloyd Salomone, these two ladies have left some big shoes to fill! As you may have gathered by the number of photos in this edition, I'm a big believer that pictures really do speak a thousand words. I plan to include plenty of photos in future editions, but need your help to do so. If you have any current or old photos of life in Schumacher to share, please do!

As summer draws to a close and a new school year quickly approaches, I can't help but be struck by how my summers in Schumacher haven't changed all that much since I was a child. My parents' backyard pool continues to be a draw on hot days, backyard bonfires and lamb barbecues continue to be a treat, and I regularly visit the McIntyre Park, Second Avenue (Dwyer Avenue) playground, and Schumacher Public schoolyard with my nephews. (If the Walls and Springs still existed, I would take them exploring there as well.) The simple things in life really often are the best things!

Until next time!

Lisa Romanowski,
SOS Editor



From left: Benny and Matt Thompson, Chet Hartling, Lisa Romanowski, Kelly Hartling, Jenny Romanowski and Gordon Soriol outside their cabin near the Walls off Poplar Street on a cold day in late summer 1988.

NOVEMBER READER POLL

What is the best gift you ever received from Mr. Schumacher?

Responses will be shared in the November edition!

Email your response to schumachergirl@gmail.com or send it by regular post to **PO Box 13, Schumacher, ON, P0N 1G0**. Photos of Mr. Schumacher Christmas Gift Parties would also be greatly appreciated!

GOOD NEWS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy 67th Wedding Anniversary
Betty (Vrbanac) and Bud Mangotich
(May 25th, 2014)

Happy 10th Wedding Anniversary
Jennifer (Romanowski) and René Dunkley
(August 28th, 2014)

Happy 40th Wedding Anniversary
Vera (Pupich) and Henry Romanowski
August 31st, 2014

*Congratulations to the 2014
Schumacher Alumnae Scholarship Recipients*

Michaela Delich (THVS)
Rebecca Dubeau (THVS)
Jeremy Mesich (THVS)
Jeffrey Mullaly (RMSS)
Alyssa Rogers (OHS)

The newsletter is a great way to share good news with the SOS community. Readers are invited to submit (by email or regular post) brief announcements and photos relating to current or past Schumacher residents. Please include a description with any photos, including the location, date, and full names of anyone pictured.

2014 Municipal Election
Monday, October 27th
Mayor and Councillors
School Board Trustees

*All eligible voters are reminded
to get out and cast their ballot!*



RISING FROM THE ASHES

NEW SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE OPENS

A new era has begun. District School Board Ontario North East is proud to announce the grand opening of its new Schumacher Board Office on Tuesday, September 9th at 1:30 PM.

"We'd like to extend an invitation to members of the public to tour our new state-of-the-art head office," says Director of Education Linda Knight. "I think the people in this city will be really proud of what we have rebuilt here in Schumacher."

Fire destroyed the historic building, once home to Schumacher High School and, later, the former Timmins Board of Education, on July 6th, 2012. Construction on the new facility began in June of 2013, led by architect J.L. Richards & Associates, and contractor

Quinan & Associates. The building costs were all covered by insurance, with no extra cost to taxpayers.

The impressive new facility contains remnants of the old. The ornamental fan and art deco sconces which bracketed the former front door grace the entrance to the new board room. The decorative school bell, which sat on the property for years, has also been placed in a prominent location at the front of the new structure.

"This new building marks the beginning of a bright new future at 153 Croatia Avenue," adds Knight. "We look forward to it."

Corrina Wrona,
DSB Ontario North East
Community Outreach Coordinator

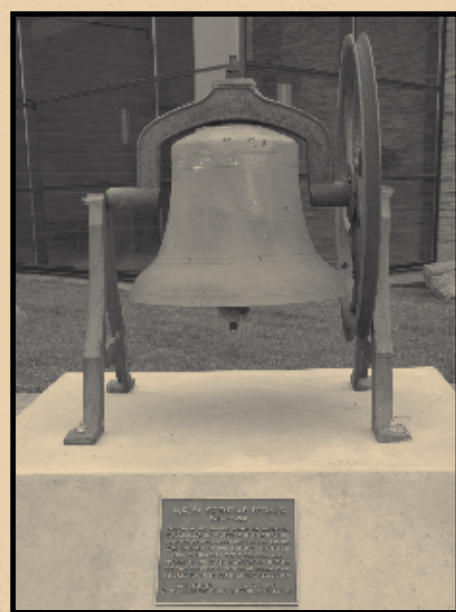
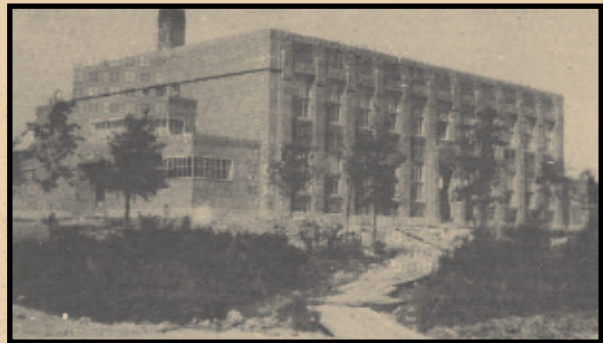


Photo Credits: This Page ... Top Right: The school bell was salvaged and now decorates the entrance to the new DSB ONE Head Office (Corrina Wrona, DSB ONE). Above Left: The exterior of the Schumacher High School building circa 1968 (SHS Spartan 1968 Yearbook). Above Right: The remnants of the historic building at 153 Croatia Ave after it was destroyed by fire on July 6th, 2012 (SACHA files). Opposite Page ... Top: The exterior of the new DSB ONE Head Office (Corrina Wrona, DSB ONE). Bottom Left: The salvaged ornamental fan and wall sconces mark the entry to the new boardroom (Corrina Wrona, DSB ONE). Middle Right: Schumacher High School in 1936 (SHS Spartan 1968 Yearbook).



The Public is invited to the
**New DSB ONE Board Office
Grand Opening**
Tuesday, September 9, 2014 at 1:30 PM
153 Croatia Avenue, Schumacher





EVENT IN REVIEW

SCHUMACHER HOMECOMING THE PLACE TO BE SEEN IN 2014

Approximately 300 current and former Schumacher residents gathered over the May Run long weekend to catch up with old acquaintances and share fond memories. The 9th Annual Schumacher Homecoming featured a welcome reception at the McIntyre Curling Club, tours and memorabilia displays at Schumacher Public School, and a gala dinner and dance.

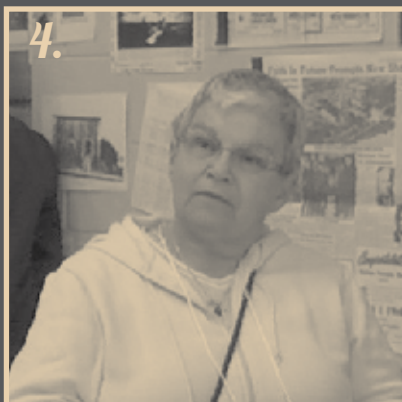
Those returning home were greeted with a spruced up park on Laham's Hill. The Mr. Schumacher and Sandy McIntyre statues were recently refurbished and reinstalled. The headframe monument also received some care and attention. Anticipating that reunion attendees might want a keepsake of their beloved Schumacher High School, which was destroyed by fire in 2012, the organizing committee salvaged some of the undamaged bricks the morning after the fire. Schumacher artist, Mira Buchar created commemorative clay mugs that homecoming participants were able to purchase.

The Organizing Committee (Lou Battachio, George Stefanic, George Delich, Anne MacDonald, Marilyn and Clayton McAlpine, Diane Dwyer, Darrell MacGregor, and Brian Conley) stuck to their tried and true format in order to pull off another successful reunion. A sincere thank you is extended to the committee for their dedication, time, and effort; an undertaking of this magnitude is no small feat. At this point in time, there are no plans for a repeat engagement in 2019.





Opposite Page ... Top: Frank Mahovlich and friends enjoy the gala event at the Curling Club. Left: Diane (Pupich) Dwyer displays one of Mira Buchar's mugs. Right: Steve Markovich looks over some memorabilia at SPS. Bottom: There were many happy guests at the dinner and dance. This Page ... Top: Fred Guacci finds himself amongst the old newspaper clippings at SPS. Second: Edward Lebrun and Maxime (Colquhoun) Salo reminisce. Third: Art Corbiel, Doug Forrester, Jim Woods, and Alan MacDonald share a laugh. Fourth: Laham's Hill got a Homecoming makeover.

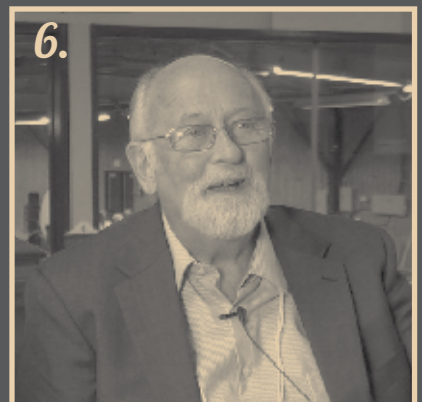


READER CHALLENGE

Can you identify (by first and last name) each of the six Schumacher Homecoming attendees pictured? If so, you can earn a chance to win one of Mira Buchar's handcrafted Schumacher mugs.

Email your guesses to schumachergirl@gmail.com or mail them to PO Box 13, Schumacher, ON, P0N 1G0. One entry per person please.

A draw from all correct entries will take place on Saturday, November 1st. The winner will be announced in the November issue of the SOS Newsletter and on the Spirit of Schumacher Facebook and web pages.





SACHA INFORMATION AND UPDATES

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The SOS newsletter is a great way to reach out to current and former Schumacher residents. Listing an upcoming event in Schumacher is complementary. Brief good news announcements (such as birthday / anniversary wishes, or recognition of life achievements) are also free. More elaborate advertisements or announcements can also be accommodated for a fee (with all proceeds helping to cover newsletter production costs). Event details, announcements, and any advertising inquiries should be emailed to: schumachergirl@gmail.com

CONTRIBUTIONS

Readers are invited to submit article ideas, stories, photos, and songs or poems celebrating the past, present, and future of Schumacher for consideration in future editions of the SOS Newsletter. Submissions should include the creator's full name and the full names of anyone pictured. Submissions can be sent by email or regular post.

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