



The Sundial

My hours are made of sun and shade,
Take heed of what your hours are made.

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Message from the Editors

The winds of change come in fall and with it a new editor for our lovely Sundial. I am passing on the torch to **Elanor Brodie (Class of '89)**. It has been a pleasure informing you all of the comings and goings of the OGA and I know that Elanor will soldier on ably in the grand Elmwood girl tradition. *Editor, Jeanette Marett '64*

SENSE OF RENEWAL

This summer, there was a palpable sense of renewal at Elmwood, with hammers sounding and painters setting up their ladders. A new roof, a newly built stage and redecorated Auditorium, a new gym floor—these are just a few signs of a strong institution that is preparing itself to celebrate its centennial in just five years.

The OGA urges alumnae to keep an eye on this space and to attend some of our regular meetings as plans are laid to celebrate that anniversary.

REUNION WEEKEND

On the weekend of September 26th, Elmwood held a wonderful reunion at the school.

Graduates, from as early as 1935 right up to present day, were in attendance. Old Girls enjoyed a catered lunch and presentation by Margaret Dickenson while getting to catch up with both fellow students and current and former staff.

Many of the graduates were especially pleased to get a chance to catch up with Mrs. Nancy Chance, former head of the Junior School.

Throughout the afternoon old girls also had the opportunity to tour the school, have tea with the Headmistress and experience a classroom of today with **Christine McGregor Blackadar**

(Class of '88 and current faculty) to see all the technology that the present day girls use to learn.

At the end of the day Old Girls enjoyed some wine and cheese in the newly renovated Auditorium and had another chance to swap news and stories.

It was a lovely reunion weekend and helps to countdown to our 100th anniversary in 2015!

THE PLAY'S THE THING

Many of the alumnae gasped as they walked into what used to be our gym, now used as an auditorium and now dramatically redecorated in deep red and cream colours.

The stage has also been rebuilt to professional standards, with a flexible array of staircases and a much larger acting platform.

The Linden House Theatre Company—founded by Old Girl **Janet Uren '68**—was honoured to produce the inaugural play in this renewed space. The company's third annual play, which took place in October, was *Lettice & Lovage*, a comedy originally written for Maggie Smith in the 1980s, with Janet Uren playing *Lettice*.

The Elmwood Preview on October 15 raised \$1,000 for the Old Girls' Association Scholarship Endowment Fund.

SITTING PRETTY

Those who attended the Elmwood Preview of *Lettice & Lovage* in the Old Auditorium may have been disappointed to learn that the comfortable new seating—donated by an Old Girl to replace the old plastic chairs—had not yet arrived. They were still in a truck, we were told, somewhere between Brockville and Ottawa. The chairs arrived 15 minutes into the performance! The good-natured audience went out during the intermission and helped carry the chairs in. And what a difference!

Elegant, portable, upholstered seating is now available for the comfort of future Elmwood guests.

NEWS FROM THE OGA MEETING, SEPTEMBER 28, 2009

A most successful evening of socializing and business was held at the home of **Susan (Reid) Senn '77**. We were coming off the great success of our Reunion Weekend luncheon.

Headmistress Cheryl Boughton was able to join us and give us all the news from the school.

EVERYONE WELCOME!

The OGA will next meet in the Senior Library at the School on Tuesday, January 26 at 7 pm.

The discussion will focus on our exciting new project, a "Career Blitz" student event, as well as organizing the final sessions of our speakers' series, called *Connections 360*.

We will also discuss ways to prepare for the upcoming Centennial. Please come and help us plan these initiatives.

CAREER DAY BLITZ

It's an exercise in brevity! A plan is in the works to bring alumnae and current students together in a new kind of career day.

The OGA will host an event in the spring along the lines of speed dating, with an array of Old Girls available to answer questions and offer career advice to a moving stream of students.

Details will follow.

ALL ACCORDING TO PLAN

The School Auditorium was recently the scene of a Town Hall Meeting, with Old Girls **Jeanette Marett '64** and **Susan (Reid) Senn '77** in attendance. The discussion was lively and the questions being aired were vital to Elmwood's future. Elmwood is in the throes of completing a new strategic plan, one that will take it into the future with new focus and effectiveness. The OGA has offered its support to the school in developing the plan and will look for ways to support its realization when it is delivered to the community in the near future.

COMING EVENTS

For upcoming Old Girl activities please check "Events" tab in the Alumnae section of the Elmwood website: www.elmwood.ca

ALUMNAE RETURN TO ELMWOOD FOR CONNECTION 360

The Connection 360 Speakers Series represents a fantastic opportunity for Elmwood students of today to learn from successful alumnae. The program invites Old Girls back to the school to share their Elmwood experiences and career paths. This fall we have been thrilled to hear from two such Elmwood alumnae, **Rosemary (Nesbitt) Bickerton '78** and **Naseem Awl '99**.

STAY IN TOUCH!

We would love to hear from you anytime!

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HOME SWEET HOME: RETURNING TO THE HEADMISTRESS' HOUSE

We're delighted to inform you that Headmistress Cheryl Boughton and her husband David have just moved into the Headmistress' House. They are still busy settling in to their new home.

The house, which was built in 1933 for the famous Mrs. Buck, had been used as offices for the past few years. We are indeed pleased to see our Headmistress back in the House.

Renovations in the house are planned over the next few years.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

The Old Girls' Association wants to take this opportunity to wish you and your families the best for the upcoming holiday season.

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