



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)

Hello Alma Alumnae

Another strange and challenging year has passed. We have missed seeing our alumnae friends at our annual reunions. I hope you all have managed to stay safe.

After serious consideration, the Executive Committee has made the difficult decision that 2022 will be the last official organised Annual Alumnae Reunion. Unfortunately, the attendance at the reunions has been dropping over the last eight or so years. We have done our best to encourage the 70s and 80s girls to participate, with little success. The 50s and 60s girls make up the majority of attendees and Executive member. As we are getting older, travel requires more effort resulting in a lower turnout.

This is not to say that the Alumnae Association is dead. Our hope is to continue to produce a newsletter annually. 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 Many of the email addresses we have are no longer valid. We will maintain the website, Facebook page and post office box. Should you want to organize a reunion or get together of your friends or year, we are happy to provide contact information.

June 2022 Reunion

We are excited to announce that we have arranged for a bus trip to the Alma property for a visit at the new building, Alma College Square. The tour is planned for the afternoon of Friday June 10th. The bus leaves for St. Thomas from the Best Western Lamplighter at 1 pm. We will have some wine and cheese in the party room while enjoying the view from the top floor. Hopefully, we

will also have the opportunity to view one of the suites. The developer has agreed to say a few words about the property and what is to come there.

After the wine and cheese, the bus will take us to the Elgin County Museum where we can view the Alma College display and ring the school bell. We will be back in London for dinner at Shelly's Tap & Grill at Best Western Lamplighter.

Aside from the business meeting and luncheon, the hospitality suite will be open all weekend. As in the past, we will provide munchies and wine and a place to gather. This time together is really the heart of the event with much catching up, laughter, storytelling, and reconnecting –it all happens here. Please join us in the hospitality suite.

As guests at the Best Western Lamplighter, we will be required to follow any COVID protocols in place to keep us safe. There may be a requirement to be vaccinated in order to attend this reunion. And as the COVID numbers continue to decline, hopefully by June, we will be in the clear.

We would like to get as many alumnae as we can out to this year for our reunion. If you are available to contact alumnae from your era to encourage them to attend, let me know. A contact list can be shared.

Purse Project

Over the last five or so years, we have asked that you bring a used purse or two or three, full of items for women at a local shelter. Anything you think would be a treat for these women, such as socks, toiletry items,

sanitary items, Tim's gift cards, pens, notebooks, snacks, but no cash please. Used purses are cheap at Goodwill. The Dollar Store can provide inexpensive items. If you can't find a purse, just use a Ziplock bag, shopping bag or backpack. Make a difference for these women!

Ukraine - Let's Help

Our hearts are with the people of Ukraine. At our reunion, we will have a 50/50 raffle to raise funds. Please bring along some cash so that you can purchase tickets or donate directly to this worthy cause.

We hope to see you in June 2022, continue to stay safe!

We appreciate your support.

Donna Robertson, 62-66

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Elgin Archives Donation Fund

Over the years, alumnae have donated to various funds. These funds included the Scholarship, Elgin Museum, and Elgin Archives. Sandra Pearson, Treasurer, has always tracked the funds separately. Periodically, we transferred funds as they were needed.

Several years ago, the Elgin Museum expressed an interest in Alma College. At that point, we transferred any funds related to the Elgin Museum directly to them.

When we established the Alma College Scholarship Fund at the London Community Foundation, we transferred all of the scholarship fund from our account to LCF.

The only fund with money was the Elgin Archives fund. As the Association winds down, it is important to wrap up financial like special funds. As such, in February 2022, a motion was made by Lisa Johnson, Past President to transfer the balance of \$770 to the Elgin Archives. This was seconded by Barb O'Brien, Secretary and passed by the Executive.

St. Thomas Branch Report

The St. Thomas Branch sends greetings to all the Alma girls. It has been over a year since our Branch has been able to get together. Most members are doing well but all agree that we are tired of COVID-19.

A few of our members have some news they would like to share:

Jane Ann McDonald Tasker and her husband, Jack, moved into Alma College Square on February 1, 2022. The move went smoothly, and they are settling in nicely.

Anne Moore has a message for everyone:
"Hope to see everyone at the Reunion."

Barb and Russ McCallum have a new granddaughter, Juliana Jane, born on October 14th. She is wonderful! We also have a great grandchild due in April! A very exciting year - in spite of COVID.

Nancy Kedzierski discovered some exciting information! "While my niece was doing an ancestry search for information on me (Nancy Meredith) she came across another relative of mine. Her name was Marjory McGenn. She was my mother. The information was found in the Almafian of 1919 - 1920. She was a music student and won a second place Honors in Violin. I found it interesting that mother and daughter attended Alma and it took 78 years to learn about it!"

Stay safe and well as we look forward to seeing everyone at the June 2022 Reunion!

"Toujours en Avant!"

Patricia (Duncan) Meathrell, 64-69
President, St. Thomas Branch

Reunion 2019



Alma College Alumnae - In Memoriam

We take a moment to remember our alumnae



Alumna Name	Resident City	Years at Alma	Date of Death
Barb (Bracken) Bates	Ajax, ON	1962-66	January 5, 2022
Anne Bell	Exeter, ON	1967-68	October 31, 2021
Catherine Bogart	St Thomas, ON	1985-88	August 8, 2021
David Brewster	St Thomas, ON	1950s & 60s	November 19, 2021
Marnie (Smith) Cammage	Southampton, ON	1955-56	October 24, 2021
Esther (Brostyan) Farlinger	Toronto, ON	1951-52	September 9, 2021
Karen (Metzner) Gast	New Jersey, USA	1957-60	September 22, 2021
Sally Spackman	St Thomas, ON	1943-44	February 9, 2022
Jean Verity	Sarnia, ON	1961-65	December 13, 2021
Lois (Graham) Whittaker	St Thomas, ON	Grad and Staff	November 27, 2021

Alma Alumnae Scholarship Fund

St. Thomas Female Student Beneficiary

2021 Recipient of \$500

The 2021 recipient of the Alma College Alumnae Scholarship was Laurena Lord, a graduating student from St. Joseph's High School in St. Thomas. The scholarship was awarded to her in May 2021.

2022 Recipient to be awarded

A graduating student from Parkside Collegiate Institute will receive the next Alma College Alumnae Scholarship.

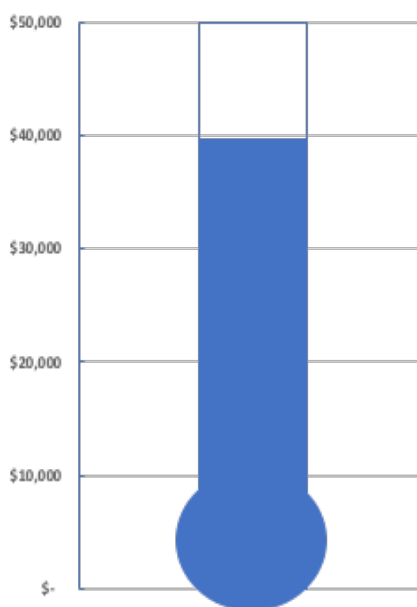
Your generosity shines

Thank you for your continued generosity through your donations to the scholarship fund. The high schools in St. Thomas greatly appreciate The Alma College Alumnae Scholarship award that benefits young women in St. Thomas.

Alma College Scholarship Fund Donations

The Alma Alumnae continue to donate to the Alma College Scholarship Fund held at London Community Foundation. As of December 31, 2021, the balance in the fund was **\$39,743.54**. We are very close to our goal of \$50,000. We are hopeful that by this coming reunion, we can reach this important target. The Foundation will also accept stocks, investments, and you can leave a donation in your will. Gifts of any size are so welcome!

Alma College Scholarship Fund



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.

See you in June!
Patricia (Duncan) Meathrell, 64-69
meathrellpn@yahoo.com

Alumnae Wall of Fame

Donor List for the Alma College Scholarship Fund & General Fund

DONORS - SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Ann (Dobson) Bowman
... *For Perry Dobson*
Suzanne (Hood) Campbell
Marilyn (Anderson) Collyer
... *For Joni Pypka & Beatrice Carvath*
Janet (Burgess) Dent
Nancy (Mitson) Dickson
Wendy (Irvine) Ens
Barbara (Ramsay) Evans
... *For Jean A. Verity*
Laurie (Shmaltz) Hugill
Marion (Davidson) Jagger
Lisa Johnson
Houriya Kazim
Sharon (McKay) Kirby
Barb (Corkill) McCallum
David McPherson
... *For Dorothy (Woodman)McPherson*
Laurie Mecke
Holly (Utting) Montgomery
... *For Jean A. Verity*
Susan J. Moore
... *For Mary Virginia Towers*
Laurie (Stewart) Pallett
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Diane (McCrady) Wastle
Christina (McLachlin) Watkins
... *For Sheilah (Gordon) McLachlin*



DONORS - GENERAL FUND

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Elizabeth (Lyons) Cleary
Shirley (MacCallum) Cobban
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Marilyn (Anderson) Collyer
Margaret (Leith) Deane
Nancy (Mitson) Dickson
Debra (Burr) Downing
Jane Grayson
Donnajean (Pattinson) Griffin
Barb (Johnston) Hansen
Dianne (Ishida) Ishida
Marion (Davidson) Jagger
Elizabeth A. (Weir) Joiner
Nancy (Meredith) Kedzierski
Susanna (Wolbers) King
Nancy Lord
Marybeth MacDonald
Myfanwy (Matthews) Matthews
Barb (Corkill) McCallum
Nora (Holmes) McGill
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Mary Ann (Coyle) Morton
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Lesley Joyce (Dodwell) Pierce
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Ann-Louise (Stevens) Stevens
Catherine (Snyder) Vallee
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Alma College Square

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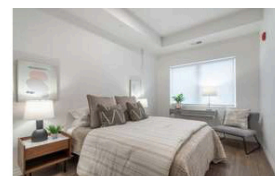


The first phase of apartments is now renting with rates starting at \$1,575. There are one bedroom and two bedroom apartments with several amenities. Visit their website listed above.



ALMA COLLEGE SQUARE
LUXURY RESIDENCES

BUILDING B
UNIT TYPE A



Reunion June 2022

Friday June 10

- 1:00 pm Bus leaves Best Western Lamplighter, London for St. Thomas
- 1:30 pm Wine & Cheese at Alma College Square
- 2:45 pm Bus leaves for Elgin County Archives
- 3:00 pm Tour of Alma College Display at the Archives
- 4:00 pm Leave for Best Western Lamplighter
Check in at Best Western Lamplighter Inn, London
- 5-6:30 pm Meet in the hospitality suite, Room 101.
- 6:30 pm Group will dine together in the hotel restaurant, Shelly's Tap & Grill (pay as you go).

Note: Check in at Best Western Lamplighter is 4 pm, if you arrive early to go to the tour at Alma College Square & the Elgin County Archives, you can leave your luggage in the hospitality suite, Room 101 until we get back from the tour and you can check into your room.

Saturday June 11

- 9:00 am Registration & Light Breakfast at Best Western Lamplighter Inn, Chelsea Room
- 10:00 am Annual General Meeting
- 11:00 am Reunion Photos
- 11:45 am Luncheon – Chelsea Room
Entertainment to follow lunch
- 3:00 pm Social Time: Visit with alumnae in the hospitality suite, shopping at the mall nearby, swimming, hot tub, giggling, general carousing
- 6:30 pm Dinner at the Mandarin (pay as you go)

Sunday June 12

- 9:00 am Breakfast at Shelly's Tap & Grill located at Best Western Lamplighter Inn, London (pay as you go)

Thank you for being a part of this great tradition of annual alumnae reunions!

Accommodations

Best Western Lamplighter Inn
591 Wellington Road
London, ON
519-681-7151
or 1-888-232-6747
<http://www.lamplighterinn.ca>

Room Rates

Standard Rooms double occupancy is \$149 plus taxes. Atrium view is \$159 plus taxes.
A block of rooms is reserved under "Alma College".

Prices in effect until May 18th, 2022. We recommend you book early!

Bus Trip to St. Thomas - \$20 Reunion Fee - \$55

(Includes light continental breakfast and hot plated luncheon)

SATURDAY'S PLATED LUNCHEON

For starter, your choice of either

- Farmers Market Salad, or
- Roasted Butternut Squash Soup

For lunch, your choice of either

- Honey Lemon Chicken with potatoes and seasonal vegetables, or
- Grilled Salmon with rice and seasonal vegetables, or
- Spinach & Cheese Cannelloni with portebello mushrooms, red peppers and broccoli

For dessert, your choice of either

- Flourless Chocolate Cake, or
- Warm Carrot Lava Cake

Please select your choices on the registration form.

