

55th Anniversary, October 28, 2010

THE 55TH ANNIVERSARY, UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO CHAPTER, October 28TH 2010
Ed and Jocelyn Badovinac, Co-Chairs

On October 22nd, 1955, the founding of the University of Toronto Chapter made Phi Delta Kappa international. Having planned the last four five-year anniversaries, we wanted the 55th to include young people, students and relatives, guests and business people. Consequently, with the agreement of our committee, Jim Youngson, Pauline Quan, Walt Winchell and President Moveta Nanton, we wrote to Craig Kielburger so see if he would accept the new Anniversary Award "**Dedicated to Those Creating a Better World Through Education**" for his founding and work in Free The Children, and to be our guest speaker. He graciously agreed, so we wrote to the Lieutenant Governor to see if he would host a reception for us. In spite of a number of events on October 28th, His Honour provided a delightful one and a half hour reception for us. Their Honours circulated, meeting many guests, hors d'oeuvres were served and a bar providing wine, tea, coffee and soft drinks was available. The Lieutenant Governor, David Onley, spoke of the value of Education and the important part Phi Delta Kappa has undertaken over the years. Derek Bate thanked him for his gracious hospitality. Ed made certain that many of the guests, especially our ten Trinity College student guests and the SATEC students, met Craig. Throughout the afternoon and evening, Pauline Quan took wonderful pictures and a video of the proceedings at dinner.



L to R: JoAnn Masterson, Jocelyn Badovinac, Lieutenant Governor, David Onley, Sandee Crowther, Ed Badovinac.



L to R: Lorraine Dilling, Irene Manahan, Bud Dilling (Past President 1972-1973),



Dinner at the Great Hall, Hart House, University of Toronto. The Hall was described by my pal, Haniel Ramocan (10 years old) as a "castle and maybe like a church"

Excerpted from John Myer's article "Another Perspective on the 55th"



L to R: Ed Badovinac, Sandee Crowther, JoAnn and Tom Masterson, Craig Kielburger, and Jocelyn Badovinac,

We had searched the area for an appropriate hotel but ultimately chose the traditional venue, The Great Hall of Hart House. Those who attended represented the high quality of the educational community which PDK attracts. We had two founders, seventeen Past Presidents, the International President, Sandee Crowther, International Director, JoAnn Masterson and her husband Tom, The Consul General of Jamaica, Dr. George Ramocan, his wife, Lola, and their ten-year-old grandson, Haniel, seven Manahans with Irene including two grandchildren, many family

members supporting President Moveta Nanton and President Elect Bev Freedman, and over thirty of our personal guests. It was amazing to have over twenty Past Presidents present or involved in the planning.

As always, the walk across campus from Queen's Park to Hart House was pleasant. The noise of conversation showed that the table arrangements were successful. Moveta Nanton gave everyone a warm welcome. The Canadian and American anthems were sung by Barry St. Denis, John Armstrong proposed the two toasts, to the Queen and the Office of The President United States. The International President, Sandee Crowther, whose presence greatly enhanced the evening, brought greetings. Presentations were made to the International President and the PDK Board Member, JoAnn Masterson, by Bev Freedman. The Pledge was led by JoAnn and Grace was said by Bud Dilling.

After dinner, we had a musical interlude with The Greytones Quartet, arranged by Jim Youngson. Many people commented on the quality of the group. Derek Bate and Harry King Fisher, Founding Members were recognized by Susan Seidman, as well fifty-year members Kenneth Payne and John Pipher. Founders Roderick Stuart MacIntosh and William Alexander McCuaig were unable to be with us but they along with fifty-year member Bruce Chambers were later acknowledged.



The Consul General of Jamaica, Dr. George Ramocan, his wife, Lola, and their ten-year-old grandson, Haniel along with Lieutenant Governor, David Onley and his wife Ruth Ann



L to R: Nancy Nightingale, Balfour Le Gresley, Shenyu Huang along with Irene Manahan and her family

The presentation of the Award and the \$1000.00 was made to Craig by Ed and Jocelyn. Peter Ross, Sandee Crowther, Derek Bate, Moveta Nanton and Walt Winchell were all on stage. Ed introduced Craig Kielburger. Craig's speech was very motivational, and, rather than talking about the founding of Free The Children, the building of schools and education of the needy, he emphasized teachers and the role we play in people's lives, passing the spark we received from an outstanding teacher to others, a gift to the next generation. He received a well-deserved standing ovation. This was followed by a Q and A, efficiently moderated by Dr. Ned McKeown. Another founder, Dr. Harry Fisher, thanked Craig very eloquently.

Never have we organized an event which elicited so many beautifully-worded expressions of congratulations, so welcome after ten busy months of planning. Business people who attended were impressed to see that teachers were dedicated to their students, and Education. The young people were inspired. Above all, Craig's thank you letter expressed the fact that the 55th was an incredible success and that he is humbled to receive the inaugural award. So many of our dreams did come true! By Ed and Jocelyn Badonvinac

ANOTHER PERSPECTIVE: YES WE CAN! A CELEBRATION OF 55 PDK YEARS

More than a hundred Kappans and guests attended this event and the theme, "Yes We Can" which was the theme of the Barack Obama election campaign, fit this event so well.

We began with an elegant reception in the Lieutenant Governor's suite at Queen's Park. The Honourable David C. Onley is a champion for people living with disabilities. His own experience with polio and post-polio syndrome, his successful career as a broadcaster, and his appointment as Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, has made him a very inspiring role model. The art exhibit from the Muki Baum Centre offered examples of others who overcame major challenges to demonstrate their talents. They displayed human treasures beyond their disabilities and lived up to President Obama's call (see www.mukibaum.com for more).



President Moveta Nanton with Lieutenant Governor, David Onley and his wife Ruth Ann in front of some of the artwork from the Muki Baum Centre



University of Toronto, Trinity College students at the Lieutenant Governor's reception.

At dinner, students from U of T's Trinity College helped out and there were high school students from S.A.T.E.C.- future teachers we hope- there as well. The Ministry was represented and the Counsel-General of Jamaica and his family were there too. And of course PDK international was represented by President Sandee Crowther and JoAnn Masterson from the Board of Directors.

Craig Kielburger's keynote was both passionate and inspiring. He was proud to come from a family of teachers and his address and his organization (www.freethechildren.com) have much to teach us. From a 12 year old inspired to action from a story he read in a local paper, he has matured into a "shamelessly idealistic" force for good.

His message: we all have a gift and when we combine that with a spark, we can create a better world. His spark came from reading that newspaper story. He could make a change for the better, so we can too.

The fact that we have been around this long and that a few of our founding members were still here in attendance cemented the theme. You shudda been there!

Now you have to wait for the 60th. And a big thanks to Ed and Jocelyn Badovinac from the PDK executive and those who assisted them to make this event memorable.

By John Myers



The Greytones Quartet



Students from SATEC at W.A. Porter with their teacher mentor, Kappan Zenobia Omarali



John Stewart, President of the London Chapter, with Craig Kielburger and Ed Badovinac



L to R: Ned Mckeown, Derek Bate, Craig Kielburger, Ed and Jocelyn Badovinac and Sandee Crowther honouring Craig Kielburger with the *Dedicated to Those Creating a Better World Through Education* award.

55th Certificates



**Founder
Derek Bate**



**Founder Harry King
Fisher, Moveta Nanton**

Founder **Derek Bate** was an instructor at University of Toronto Schools and completed his career as a school principal in Peel District School Board. As well as giving the PDK address at the 55th Anniversary Lieutenant Governor's reception, to thank him for his hospitality, Derek also did so at the 50th Anniversary reception.

Founder **Harry King Fisher** worked in the Ministry of Education as Assistant Superintendent, Supervision Division and later as Director of the Special Education Branch.



**John Armstrong with 50 Year
Members John Pipher, Ken Payne
and guest**

John Pipher, who served on the PDK executive as secretary for several years, completed his career as a school principal.

Ken Payne had an illustrious career with Gage Educational Publishing.



**Founder Alec McCuaig
with Susan Seidman and Ed Quick**

On Remembrance Day, Past Presidents Ed Quick and Susan Seidman presented **Alec McCuaig** with his Founding Member certificate.

Conversation ranged from current educational issues to discussions of an upcoming book on the Hall-Dennis Report Living and Learning, a groundbreaking report which is celebrating its 40th anniversary.

Alec also proudly showed a photograph of his first great-grandchild, and talked of his trips to the theatre.

A unique feature of the visit was the presentation of a package of free-range organic moose meat by Ed to Alec.



**Founder Roderick MacIntosh
with Susan Seidman**

Visiting **Roderick MacIntosh** to present his Founding Member's certificate, we saw a handsome wreath in the lobby. Interspersed with the poppies were black and white photos of young men in uniform. Roderick carefully showed Marilyn and Susan which one was his photo.

In chatting after the presentation, Marilyn discovered that when Roderick had been on the Faculty of Lakeshore Teachers' College, she had been receiving his student teachers as their associate teacher, and had met his wife Helen through dinners at the Lakeshore Board.

Roderick commented that, in his day, he had gone to a big, impersonal university in a big bustling city. PDK created a sense of community and of warm support which serves its members well today.



**50 Year Member Bruce Chambers
with Marilyn Hahn**

50 year U of T Chapter PDK member **Bruce Chambers** and his wife Merna live in Kitchener. He keeps up with PDK news by reading the newsletter. When Past Presidents Marilyn Hahn and Susan Seidman travelled there to present him with his 50 year certificate, he greeted us wearing his Service key. Bruce showed a plaque that had been presented to him at the AGM in 1980. Carefully taped to the back of the plaque was a beautiful programme done in calligraphy, by Shelagh Harris.

Bruce told of starting his teaching career in a 1-room schoolhouse near Algonquin Park. He had 58 students from Grades 1-8 and completed his career as a principal.

He also told of his honeymoon, driving with Merna across Canada in a Nash Bed truck, which had, as the name implies, sleeping beds. He sewed privacy screens to go over the windows and doors, which could be removed when they drove.