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We're Back!



Greetings, everyone! After a three year hiatus, we're back to the LPSS Matters newsletter for the alumni of Lorne Park Secondary School. To let you know, I have been handed the reigns of the newsletter from the previous editor. After spending a few long evenings at the Pump for coffee & wings with Michael, I knew it was a done deal and so I am very pleased to now introduce myself as your new editor and to thank Michael for his past service. Go 1985 Grads go!!

It has been quite a past year! For one thing, in late July, my fiancée Katie and I were starting to plan our November 10th, 2012 wedding at the Old Mill in Toronto. I never realized how much fun it would be (true not sarcasm). The worse part of planning a wedding I found out involves the seating plan. Thank goodness for Katie! She did an amazing job to design and implement a seating plan to ensure all our guests would thoroughly enjoy themselves. Truly it was a great day on many levels but never did I see more clearly the value and virtue of organization. Since our wedding Katie has been very effective at keeping me organized. I hope that her skills in this area are rubbing off on me. Having now completed my first newsletter the importance and value of organization came clear to me that it extended far beyond the seating plan.

Again, both Katie and I had quite a special wedding comprised of many relatives and friends. Our photographer another Lorne Park alumni, and who is a dear friend of mine, did such a great job in capturing both Katie and I in our wedding attire. Thanks to Tuxedo Royale for giving me some class, having been guilty in the past of missing a few classes, at least on the 10th it all came together. The day in short was very special and left us with many wonderful memories. I hope that you will all enjoy this April 2013 newsletter. This is only the beginning and I look forward to sharing your great LPSS memories with all us grads.. Have a great month.



With my lovely wife, Katie



1957—1964**Fred Hilditch ('63) - fred@businessdata.on.ca**

Memories of the Premiere Class Era 1957 to 1964 - Fred Hilditch 1963
January - 2010 - Twenty-Seventh Edition

How old is grandma?



Stay with this The answer is at the end. It will blow you away:

One evening a grandson was talking to his grandmother about current events, The grandson asked his grandmother what she thought about the shootings at schools, the computer age and just things in general.

The Grandmother replied, "Well, let me think a minute, I was born before, television, penicillin, polio shots, frozen foods, Xerox, contact lenses and Frisbee's.

There were no, credit cards, laser beams or ball-point pens. Man had not yet invented pantyhose, air conditioners, dishwashers, clothes dryers, and the clothes were hung out to dry in the fresh air and man hadn't yet walked on the moon.



Your Grandfather and I got married first, and then lived together. Every family had a father and a mother.

Until I was 25, I called every man older than me, "Sir."

And after I turned 25, I still called policemen and every man with a title, "Sir."

We were before gay-rights, computer-dating, dual careers, daycare centers, and group therapy.

Our lives were governed by the Ten Commandments, good judgment, and common sense.

We were taught to know the difference between right and wrong and to stand up and take responsibility for our actions.

Serving your country was a privilege; living in this country was a bigger privilege.

We thought fast food was what people ate during Lent.

Having a meaningful relationship meant getting along with your cousins.

Draft dodgers were those who closed front doors as the evening breeze started.

Time-sharing meant time the family spent together in the evenings and weekends -not purchasing condominiums.



We never heard of FM radios, tape decks, CD's, electric typewriters, yogurt, or guys wearing earrings.

We listened to Big Bands, Jack Benny, and the President's speeches on our radios.

And I don't ever remember any kid blowing his brains out listening to Tommy Dorsey.

If you saw anything with 'Made in Japan ' on it, it was junk.

The term 'making out' referred to how you did on your school exam.

Pizza Hut, McDonald's, and instant coffee were unheard of.

We had 5 & 10-cent stores where you could actually buy things for 5 and 10 cents.

Ice-cream cones, phone calls, rides on a streetcar, and a Pepsi were all a nickel.

And if you didn't want to splurge, you could spend your nickel on enough stamps to mail 1 letter and 2 postcards.

You could buy a new Ford Coupe for \$600, but who could afford one?

Too bad, because gas was 11 cents a gallon.

In my day:

"grass" was mowed, "coke" was a cold drink, "pot" was something your mother cooked in and "rock music" was your grandmother's lullaby, "Aids" were helpers in the Principal's office, "chip" meant a piece of wood, "hardware" was found in a hardware store and

"software" wasn't even a word.



And we were the last generation to actually believe that a lady needed a husband to have a baby.
No wonder people call us "old and confused" and say there is a generation gap.
How old do you think I am?
I bet you have this old lady in mind. You are in for a shock!
Read on to see ~ pretty scary if you think about it and pretty sad at the same time.

Are you ready?????

This woman would be only 60 years old, Born in 1952.

GIVES YOU SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT.
PASS THIS ON TO THE OLD ONES.
THE YOUNG ONES WOULDN'T BELIEVE IT.

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Howdy

It's been a while since we've spoken. Well some of us have spoken on Facebook, others on Twitter but I must say I've missed this venue.

Lots of good things have happened since we last spoke.

You may remember that I went back to college to study Culinary Arts. Well I graduated and now find myself with newfound skills. I really had a blast being back at school. There are some really great and talented instructors at Humber North.

If you're ever up that way and looking for a great meal for a good price, check out the Humber Room. The kitchen is manned by culinary students (overseen by instructors). And you never know a future rock star Chef could be preparing your meal.

What really made the journey fun were the other students I worked with, really polite and respectful. One of them coined me with the nickname of Papa. It stuck. If I ever get to open my own restaurant, it'll be called Papa Fergie's BBQ Pit.

I also finished the first draft of my first novel. I'm currently working through the edits. I was recently introduced to a Writers and Editors Network and have gotten some very valuable feedback. Translated, that means I have some more re-writing to do. It's all good though, I'm enjoying the process and I really like my story.

In the meantime, I'm cooking at a retirement home in Oakville.

So I have lots to do. Never mind the Blog I'm setting up.

Something interesting happened recently at work and that incident opened up a line of thought for me.

I was brought in to the new GM's office last October for a 'counselling' session.

Apparently, my manager had some concerns with my work. There were no concrete examples of my failings. The discussion consisted of 'We feel' and 'We don't think'. Wiggly worm statements.

At the end of the discussion, the GM motioned with his hand that my work was at this level. Picture a hand raised to just below the shoulder. And I needed to bring it up to around mid-head level.

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We were to meet in a week or so to check on my progress. I'm still waiting for that meeting.

Nothing was discussed on how this improvement would happen or how we would gauge my progress.

I've managed people over the years and we always had smart goals to accomplish. This approach seemed an odd thing and if widely used indicates a shift in managing.

Have any of you had a similar experience?

I recently spoke to a friend of mine about this. Now, he's worked in the same warehouse for the past 34 years. He too found himself in a 'counselling' or 'coaching' session. He was told that the number of items he picked per hour was below the standard. When he asked about his accuracy, he was told that they were not considering that statistic.

Again, how odd is that. If that's really the case, I'm sure everyone could exceed the required number of items picked per hour. It would likely require a large increase in staff to fix the errors though.

He later asked around and didn't find one person who achieved the company standard, yet he was the only one brought in.

I left to wonder if my age, and my friend's age is really the culprit here, and maybe mine. I hope not.

Your thoughts are most welcome.

News

There's been very little in the way of email, hopefully we can change that for the next edition.

Re-Connecting

Please feel free to drop me a line. As always, I try to make a point of answering all emails and if you are so inclined please connect with me on Facebook, Twitter (@ChefFergus), Google+ or LinkedIn.

It's a great way to keep up to date with people.

Our Culture

Things haven't changed much here. I'm still listening to music and watching my movies.

One thing though, I've switched from CD's to vinyl. And I love it!

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The music sounds richer and even the albums that snap, crackle and pop sound good to me. I'm very happy to have saved them.

I even bought a new album, a re-release. David Bowie's Ziggy Stardust and the Spiders from Mars. It's a 40th Anniversary release in 180-gram vinyl. Now I needed to Google that as I had no idea what it meant. It's the weight of the material used to press the album. This creates a thicker, heavier album with deeper grooves. The idea is you will get a better sound.

It's been a blast listening to some of my old albums. For some one listen is enough and back in storage it goes.

One album I had forgotten about was recorded live at the Newport Hotel on Bomb Records in 1980. The featured song was 'Weekend at the Newport'. Sadly the Newport is no more, I spent way too many evenings there back in the day.

Have you been out to the movies? I haven't seen a lot. They seem to be few and far between. I've been enjoying the marvel Universe movies, especially the Avengers.

I've also been enjoying Netflix. Lots of good movies and TV shows on it. Some good mainstream films but some 'B' movies as well, kind of like Super Channel back in the day.

Anyway, here are some the films playing in my DVD player and Albums on my turntable.

Enjoy!

Music – Some of the albums you may have been listening to

1970 George Harrison – All Things Must Pass

What I can say about this, go get the 30th Anniversary Edition. It's as good as you remember it being.

1971 Black Sabbath – Paranoid

The Prince of Darkness. One of the best albums from one of the bands to define heavy metal.

1972 Todd Rundgren – Something / Anything

This double record from 1972 remains the definitive collection of Rundgren's long career.

1973 Paul McCartney – Band On The Run

I find this CD on my player, a lot. One excellent track after another. Great fun all around.

1974 Alice Cooper – Greatest Hits

Alice represents a guilty pleasure for me. I have two releases on DVD-Audio and when I'm alone, I crank it.

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1975 ELO – Face The Music

Really good release, some excellent tracks. I'm a big fan of Jeff Lynn, it was good to see him as a Wibury and at the 'Concert for George'

1976 Frampton Comes Alive

Awesome concert, awesome release. I have this on DVD-Audio and yes, it to gets cranked. Sold 8 million copies. The 25th Anniversary edition is available.

1977 Billy Joel – The Stranger

Very nice release from Billy Joel. To me he'll always be the Piano Man, however, Scenes from an Italian Restaurant is not too shabby.

1978 The Last Waltz

Not much to say about this particular release. Get the DVD and the CD and you'll be happy. That's it. That's the secret to happiness.

1979 Pink Floyd – The Wall

This is another one of those, movie, CD, and happiness things. Really awesome story.

Movies on my DVD Player

1970 – Kelly's Heroes

Just watched this with a few friends. Worth it just for Donald Sutherland.

1971 – Dirty Harry

I recently bought the re-mastered box set of the Dirty Harry films. Frank Sinatra was originally intended as the lead role.

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A Douglas Trumbull's film. Lots of social conscious content. Also 3 little robots. Huey, Louie and Dewey. Pre R2D2?

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Music – Playing on my CD Player and my DVD Player (DVD-Audio / SACD)

1970 Derek & the Dominos – Layla and Other Love Songs.

Although the acoustic version of Layla is worthy, I really prefer this one.



1971 Jethro Tull - Aqualung

Ian Anderson at his best. I got to go to a couple of his shows. The most recent one was at Massey Hall.



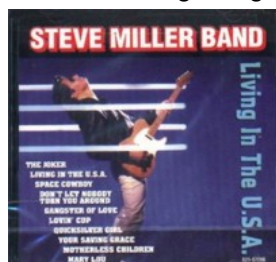
1972 Deep Purple – Machine Head

Lots of good songs on this release. I'm lucky enough to have this on DVD-Audio.



1973 Steve Miller Band – Living in the U.S.A.

Who's not guilty of singing along to The Joker while driving along?



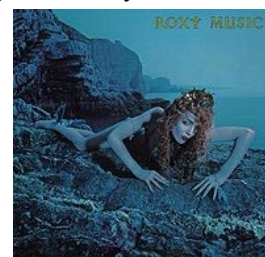
1974 Harry Chapin - Verities & Balderdash

He left us too soon. Lots of good songs. Cat's in the Cradle for one.



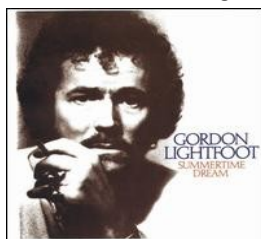
1975 Roxy Music - Siren

Love is the Drug, just one of many great Roxy songs. Saw them back in the day at Massey Hall..



1976 Gordon Lightfoot – Summertime Dream

Really nice music on this release. Race Among the Ruins and the Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald..



1977 Meatloaf – Bat Out Of Hell

You can't go far wrong with Todd Rundgren, Jim Steinman and Meatloaf.



1978 Joe Walsh – But Seriously, Folks...

Great release. Joe is Joe. James Gang, The Eagles and his fine solo work. Life's Been Good..



1979 ZZ Top - Degüello

I find myself listening to ZZ Top on trips to Muskoka. It seems to help with the traffic.



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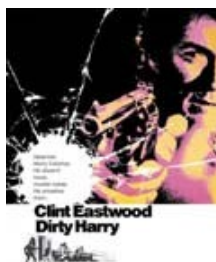
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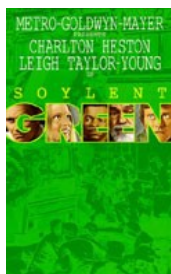
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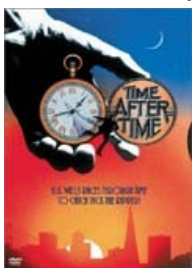
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We Remember... always in our thoughts

We remember Greg Wilson. Greg was a 1979 grad who passed away in 1995.

Please feel free to email me regarding the passing of any LPSS past students and / or staff. They are always in our memories and thoughts.

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ALUMNI INPUT



Many alumni have asked for updates on fellow students. There have been a lot of re-requests for information, and many offers to help. LPSS Matters is written by LPSS alumni for LPSS alumni. We need volunteers to help with the information gathered for each issue of LPSS Matters. Each volunteer would take a block of years from which he or she would provide highlights of graduates from that era. We need volunteers who graduated during the following blocks of years, and would communicate with and report back on graduates of those years:



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Please contact LPSS Matters, editor@lpssmatters.com. The pay is below minimum wage, but the satisfaction is well worth it.

Another area that alumni can help out is providing input to LPSS Matters. Old newspaper clippings, scrapbook articles and photos would provide an excellent source of LPSS history for our newsletter and there are most likely numerous other sources for long forgotten trivia.

Please forward articles, scanned photos, etc. to

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Finally, as stated earlier, LPSS Matters is written by LPSS alumni for LPSS alumni. That means YOU! Your input or submissions would be most appreciated. We'd be interested in any number of items, including such things as career information (so far we've heard about selecting a colour scheme for your home, strategic RRSP investing and life as a professional athlete), interesting facts about the country or city where you live, plus any other items you think fellow graduates might be interested in hearing about. Please send to :





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Where In The World Are You?

Where alumni were asked where they lived, these were the results:



Australia		2%
Bosnia & Herzegovina		1%
Canada		77%
Alberta		2%
B.C.		5%
Manitoba		1%
Ontario		69%
Mississauga		17%
Toronto		21%
Nova Scotia		2%
Denmark		1%
England		2%
South Africa		1%
Sweden		1%
Switzerland		1%
United Arab Emirates		1%
U.S.A.		13%
		100%



Really looking forward to the next edition and the opportunity to share with all alumni the neat and great things LPSS grads have been up to. See you in few short months and as always thanks, thanks to Maknet for the great work they do to keep our website up to date and to get the news about the news to all of us.

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Until July 2013!