

- *DKG International Conference in Baltimore*
- *Featuring Our Talented Members: Frema Engel, Mildred L. Burns, Robyn Bunch*
- *World Fellowship Winner: Siti Hazariah Binte Abu Bakar from Singapore*

PRESIDENT'S NOTE



I cannot believe that May is almost here. My biennium as President of our Gamma Province is coming to its end. Our vision was "Supporting Our Community; Expanding our Skills". We did it!

We supported "Giant Steps", a school for autistic children, in Montreal. We initiated an award to help an Early Career Teacher in her new class. We supported Schools for Africa as well as three students in Haiti. We developed and published our new Website: (gammaquebecWeebly.com)

We were involved with International students as we chose three students from McGill University to apply for the Interna-

tional World Fellowship Scholarship worth \$4,000. One of our candidates, Siti Hazariah Binte Abu Bakar from Singapore, is the first McGill student to receive the honour. Kudos to Barb Angus and her committee for all their hard work on this.

We developed a Strategic Plan for the two years. I would like to thank Barb Angus, Catherine Bannon Sidorenko, Rena Entus, Estie Kleinfeld, Bev Townsend and Judy Szamosi, chairs of committees, for their help in developing this plan. As well, I would like to thank all members for helping us achieve our goals.

There *is* life after teaching and many of our members are retired. We need to make an effort to allow retirees to enjoy their status while keeping them from retiring from DKG. I would like to remind you that you can continue to serve: chair a com-

mittee, or be an officer...between trips and new found interests! I encourage your attendance not only in person, but also on-line. We need every member to be actively involved in our committees. We have a devoted group of women who work diligently to support our vision. It was my privilege to work with you as President, and I thank you all for that.

As I leave my position as President, I am asking that each and every member continue to support our incoming President, Beverly Townsend, and the Executive.

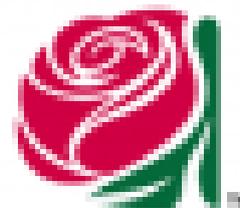
I wish all of us continued success in our next biennium.

Yocheved Sonenberg

President (2013-2015)
Gamma Province, Quebec,
Delta Kappa Gamma
International Society

**"Sharing Our Vision;
Strengthening Our Society."**

**"Supporting Our Community;
expanding our Skills"**



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THE GAMMA GAMUT

Engel wrote the book on bullying

By Robert Frank (reprinted with permission from *The Suburban*, December 31, 2014 issue)

Frema Engel has been talking about workplace violence for more than four decades – long before the Internet made bullying a household word. “When you see a situation that isn’t right, you have to stop it,” declared the Montreal clinician and author. “It can involve the use of force, threats or coercion. If it’s a group, it’s called mobbing. It can also entail withholding or giving wrong information to people, subtly ostracizing them.”

Engel, who trained as a social worker, began her pioneering work in the early 1970s, after she noticed that hospital staff were often being victimized by unruly patients. “We’ve come a long way since then,” she told *The Suburban*. “Now you will see a ‘Violence is not tolerated here’ poster in every health care institution.”

Then, in the 1980s, Engel shifted to the Canada’s financial sector, where she helped improve the way that banks helped staff who were victims of bank robberies. Since 1986, she followed her passion to instill respectfulness, making the workplace, school and community environments healthier places.

After publishing several guides to teach medical and mental health profes-

sionals how to deal with violence in the workplace, Engel decided to write for a wider audience.

She first penned a workplace issues column in *The Suburban* for several years. Then, she authored the book *Taming the Beast: Getting Violence Out of the Workplace*. Her book, which made it easy for anyone to understand what workplace violence is all about, is now in its second edition.

Thanks to Engel’s groundbreaking work, the civility movement that she helped to inspire has spread throughout Canada.

“I do a lot of conflict resolution work now, where teams are constantly fighting and don’t get along,” she said. “When people book off sick, quit or file grievances, those could be indicators of an unhealthy environment. I go in, find out what’s going on and suggest an intervention that will heal the situation.”

The work spans corporation, non-profits, health-care institutions and government departments. Often, the bullies can be very intelligent, highly accomplished individuals in leadership positions.

“It cuts across all professional lines,” Engel explained. “It can happen anywhere in any time, regardless of the level of pro-

fessionalism and education.”

“It’s not easy for supervisors to take on these issues,” she acknowledged. “Most are ill-equipped and tend to shy away, until a crisis makes it impossible to ignore.”

Engel responded to one such crisis in April 1992, after Concordia University asked for advice on how to deal with a troublesome academic.

In a letter, she urged Concordia to take action because the professor could “become violent and either harm a member or members of the university or himself.”

Her warning went unheeded and, four months later, Valery Fabrikant went on a murderous rampage, killing four other professors and wounding a secretary.

Today, Engel still contributes her expertise as a consultant at www.fremaengel.com. She has developed a particular niche working with teams of physicians who have often identified what she describes as toxic work environments.

She also still maintains a small clinical practice, as a therapist for individuals who have been victimized by bullying, harassment or trauma, Engel also spent several years developing peer support programs to

help journalists who have experienced traumatic stress while reporting the news. In addition, whenever there is a prominent spree killing, her phone still rings off the hook with calls from reporters seeking her expert commentary.

In 1999, the Montreal Council of Women declared her Woman of the Year, and in 2012, she received the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal in recognition of her accomplishments.

She told *The Suburban* that her greatest satisfaction, though, is the tangible difference that she has made in individual lives.

She added that the best lesson that we can convey to our children about behavior is how we ourselves behave.

“Teaching by example is best,” she concluded. “We have to give them a model that we want them to emulate.”

Editor’s Note: Frema Engel is an active member of DKG chapter, Gamma Quebec. She contributes her time and expertise to mentor students at the recently opened Batshaw Youth and Family Centre in Dorval. Please see story on page 4.

Mildred L. Burns publishes her second novel



About me

I was born in *Riverton*, a small town in southern *Iowa*, a good many years ago. According to my mother, I was destined to be the sixth generation woman teacher in our family. I completed an undergraduate degree at the *University of Nebraska* in *Lincoln, Nebraska* in 1942.

I tried out a variety of jobs—soda jerk, sales clerk, Deputy County Treasurer, and Stock Control Manager in a department store. I have two children. My daughter *Jeri Ohmart* has worked in a program of Sustainable Agriculture in the Schools through *The University of California at Davis*. And my son *Dr. Larry Jones* is a professor of Econometrics at the *University of Minnesota at Minneapolis*.

Eventually I did become a teacher at *Peter Lassen Junior High School* in *Sacramento, California* and discovered that I liked teaching, and

that I was considered a good teacher. After twelve years, I was granted a sabbatical leave and undertook a doctoral program at *Stanford University*. I completed the program in 1968, was awarded the PhD, and was offered a position as Assistant Professor at *McGill University* in *Montreal* to teach school administrative studies such as Planning, Finance, and Supervision of Instruction, along the way, becoming a Canadian citizen.

During my twenty-five years at *McGill* I worked with hundreds of students, some local and some from very distant countries. I was the major supervisor for twenty-five Masters and PhD thesis programs. Many of these students have remained good friends, becoming my 'Canadian family.'

Since retiring in 1995, I have whiled away my time with friends, and with writing a family memoir, *The Wolfe Pack*, and now this novel, *Redstone Manor*.

MCW's 25th Anniversary Celebration of the Woman of the Year Award

On Friday, December 2, 2011, the *Montreal Council of Women* celebrated its 25th **Woman of the Year Award Gala** at the Mount Stephen Club in Montreal. Two of MCW's very own women were the recipients of this award. *The Honourable Lucie Pépin*, retired Senator, and *Dr. Mildred L. Burns*, retired Associate Pro-

fessor, Administration and Policy Studies in Education, *McGill University*, were chosen for their outstanding contributions in promoting the advancement of women. Over 150 members and guests attended to pay tribute to *Lucie* and *Mildred*. The MCW is proud to have *Lucie Pépin* as its Honorary President and *Mildred L. Burns* as a long standing member who has served on the Board of Directors.

Governor General Awards in Commemoration of the Persons Case, 2007 Recipients Dr. Mildred Burns, Montréal, Québec

In her 25 years as a professor of educational administration at *McGill University*, *Dr. Mildred Burns* worked tirelessly to inspire students, men as well as women, to see beyond self-imposed limits and to promote women's full participation in senior educational roles. An inspired leader and mentor, *Dr. Burns* is widely appreciated as a connector of people with professional as well as personal opportunities. Among her many accomplishments, *Dr. Burns* helped win the right for staff and professionals at *McGill* to work beyond the age of 65. Retiring in 1994 at the age of 75, *Dr. Burns* continues her active participation in the *Delta Kappa Gamma Society* to ensure that women have access to the range of educational programs, from literacy to undergraduate and graduate

programs, and the support they need to reach their full potential.

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA – DR. Mildred Burns Award for Leadership in Education

Dr. Mildred L. Burns from *McGill University* has been a strong leader in encouraging greater involvement of women in senior educational positions. Established in 2001 by the *Delta Kappa Gamma Society* in honour of *Dr. Mildred Burns*, a retired associate professor of the Faculty of Education. Awarded by the Faculty of Education Graduate Studies Scholarships Committee to a student upon graduation who has completed an M.A. in Educational Studies leadership option, on the basis of academic excellence. If two or more equally qualified students are identified, preference shall be given to a female student. The student should have two or more years of relevant professional experience in the educational field.

Editor's note:

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Visit the website and order your copy of the book *The Redstone Manor* today!

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BATSHAW and DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

By Erika Sebaldt



Three members of Delta Kappa Gamma (Frema Engel, Mindy Speigel, Erika Sebaldt) and two of our guests (Eugene Orenstein, Mindy's spouse, and Pearl Grubert) met recently with a group of caregivers of "Batshaw Youth and Family Centers."

The aim of the meeting was to find out if and how we are able to help the teachers and their students.

At the beginning of our exchange of ideas we offered our experience and expertise, our skill and knowledge and offered suggestions. The teachers and coordinators explained to us in which specialty they need extra help. Mathematics and French Languages help is very much needed (!)

and barely available. Their list seems without limits and help is needed to pave the way for a brighter future of the children aged 0 – 18 years and their families.

We had to fill out papers for the volunteer coordinator and were invited to tour the campus in Dorval. The new center is housed in a former elementary school of the EMSB and has not changed its outside architecture. The inside of the school has undergone a total change.

A 10-year-old boy, with the teacher as supervisor, gave us the tour. He was shy but very proud to show us not only the dining room and the kitchen, but he also interacted on a board game and explained papers hanging on the bulletin board in the so called "living room." I also detected a very small library in one corner (but our young student acknowledged that he does not like to read.)

We followed our lad through a long corridor with many locked doors – not leading to classrooms. Behind each door is the private chamber of a student who boards here.

Without our request and without his hesitation our young tour guide opened the door to his little private room. We saw a well made, covered bed, a simple chair and a small desk overloaded with newspapers' advertisements. Surely homework? Comparing prices for the shopping list, weights on cans and boxes and reading names of articles to find in the grocery store. The sun was shining through grated-up windows. After we had also seen the east wing of the building our very serious looking but happy tour guide ended his duty with the words: "Here ends our tour", and he rushed as fast as possible back to the "living room" to join his friends.

We, the volunteering members of DKG, are willing to commit our time and energy for a minimum of one time a week. We will be tutors, mentors or instructors as well as program animators. We will be in Dorval, NDG-Cote St. Luc, Westmount or Beaconsfield, wherever we will be needed; and we hope that our small steps will lead to a successful and good experience in the future.

Mildred's Corner

POSSESSION

By Mildred L. Burns

My fingers near the newborn leaf
Withhold their touch
To still desire its infinite perfection,
Its beauty unpossessed.

Pearls

By Mildred L. Burns

What do you think an oyster would do
With a little old grain of sand in his shoe?
No doubt he'd swallow his pride
And thicken his hide
And make a shiny new pearl for you.

"Supporting Our Community; Expanding Our Skills" Gamma Quebec 2013-2015 Biennium Vision By Barb Angus



Supporting the community, the Delta Kappa Gamma Community, has been a deeply personal and enriching experience for me this biennium.

In 2012, I was named to the Educational Excellence Committee of Delta Kappa Gamma International. Until then, Gamma Province Quebec was all I knew of DKG. I had not attended any conferences, either regional or international. The only members I knew, other than those in Gamma Province, were those invited to speak at our own May Conference. Everything changed for me the year Bev Helms, our Past International President, came to Montreal. She was the one who inspired me to look beyond Gamma Quebec to see what DKG could offer me and what I could offer DKG in return.

The International Educational Excellence Committee is charged with providing training and support to the EE chairs at the state and chapter levels.

The EE goals and sub-goals are the foundation on which local DKG programs and projects are built. Each biennium they are reviewed and updated according to decisions made at the International Convention. In recent years, Schools for Africa and Support for Early Educators were additional sub-goals added to the three overarching goals of advancing excellence in education, empowering women and increasing global awareness. Scholarships and World Fellowship do not fall under Educational Excellence; they have their own committees.

The International EE Committee is made up of twelve members, two from each of DKG's five regions. Our Chair was Cathy Daugherty from Virginia, now the International First Vice-President. Head Office assistance was provided by Nita Scott, Membership Services Administrator. The committee met twice in Austin; the rest of our meetings were held digitally via Go-To-Meeting with our working documents, PowerPoints etc. exchanged through Dropbox. Technical training was provided. Initially this involved a steep learning curve for most of us but in the end it certainly felt good to have

so many new technological skills under our belts, to say nothing of what we learned in negotiating ideas, problem solving, publishing, and public speaking.

The Committee worked as a whole, in small groups, or in regional pairs depending on the task. We revised and reset the goals and sub-goals for the biennium, prepared a pre-conference training day for EEC chairs along with a manual chuck-full of ideas (no EE Committee has to start from scratch), developed a variety of EE related workshops for both the Regional and International Conventions, published five digital newsletters (EEC.news) for ongoing support, and personally responded to questions and concerns from the EE Chairs in our home regions. The work was challenging, sometimes exhausting, but invigorating. We were very aware of being part of something bigger than ourselves and our own chapters. Members from different parts of the U.S. and three other countries (Denmark, Sweden and Canada) opened our eyes to new perspectives and ideas, concerns and solutions. You don't return to your home chapter the same member you were

when you began the assignment. And the friendships we made will last a lifetime.

Serving on an International committee is not everyone's cup of tea. You can support the DKG community at a deeper level, however, by serving on a local Gamma Quebec committee: Membership, Finance, Communication, May Convention, Scholarships and World Fellowship, Nominations, Hospitality and of course, Educational Excellence. It is by serving on a committee and/or attending conferences that you really come to understand what DKG is all about, that you challenge your thinking and develop new skills, that you build stronger relationships with your DKG sisters, and that you ultimately become part of something bigger and more meaningful. In this time of shrinking membership Gamma Quebec needs you, and needs you now, to support our community and maintain its viability.

Note: A one thousand dollar grant (\$1,000.00) is available to any member of Gamma Quebec wishing to attend a Regional or International Conference for the first time. Please contact Barb Angus, Scholarship Committee Chair.

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News From Your Scholarship Committee By Barb Angus, Scholarship Committee Chair



This year your Scholarship Committee did things a little differently. Together with the Membership Committee and in conjunction with our on-going membership drive, we presented our awards to the winners at their school staff meeting. On a very cold January afternoon, Bev and I were given a warm welcome at Royal Vale Elementary. The winner of the *Evelyn Eaton Award*, Sophie Christopoulos, was delighted to receive her cheque to cover the FSL (French as a Second Language) instructional materials necessary for her project “Raconte-moi une histoire”.

Bev Townsend and I gave a short talk about DKG – who we are, our local activities and goals, and what we can offer new members. There were women at various stages of their career on staff – beginning

teachers, mid-career teachers and those nearing retirement. It is our hope that one or more will accept our invitation to attend a meeting.

Huguette Drouin and I did the same thing two weeks later at Pierre Elliot Trudeau Elementary. This was the first year for our newly launched *Early Educator Award*. It is awarded to a teacher in the second or third year of her career to help her build a personal “tool box” of classroom resources. The winner, Mona Elise Sevigny, wants to build a library of French books to meet the science competencies at the cycle three level, a project she called “Mars One”. Mona Elise was just as delighted with her cheque as Sophie was. It is a joy to witness the enthusiasm of young teachers!

Our McGill scholarships were once again awarded to two very worthy recipients. *The Delta Kappa Gamma Sarah Paltiel Award* went to Daniella Birlain D’Amico, an elementary student teacher in the TESL (Teaching English as a Second Language)

program. In her thank-you letter to DKG, she wrote that the award allowed her to take less part-time work and spend the extra hours on lesson planning during her field experiences.

The Delta Kappa Gamma Dr. Mildred Burns Award for Leadership in Education was awarded to Lynn L’Esperance who completed her Masters of Arts in Educational Leadership. Lynn is an elementary principal in the New Frontiers School Board. She is using her award to support her work and passion in the area of reading remediation for adolescents. Her research focus at McGill was the gamification of reading remediation, integrating the principals of game design with the principals of reading acquisition and remediation. She already has the interest of several investors for a mobile game she has designed that provides remediation in phonological awareness, vocabulary development, comprehension and fluency as it is played.

We received far fewer applications for the *World Fellowship Grants* this

year, only fourteen to last year’s eighty-nine. Hopefully this is simply an anomaly and we will return to a full complement next year. From those we did receive, the Scholarship Committee was able to select three candidates who met all the criteria. We forwarded their names and applications to the International World Fellowship Committee in Austin. They were: Nufar Avin from Israel, Amrita Shergil from England, and Siti Hazariah Binte Abu Bakar from Singapore. Their respective research involves urban planning, breast cancer oncology, and how land use and religious tensions shape the death practices of the Tamil community in Singapore.

The three World Fellowship candidates were our guests at our February meeting when each spoke briefly about her research. Their passion for their studies was uplifting. DKG International will announce the thirty winners in April. Hopefully one of our candidates will receive a four thousand dollar grant.

Early Educator's Award, January 26, 2015

Today Huguette and I presented the Early Educator Award to Mona-Elise Sevigny at Pierre Elliot Trudeau School. She was delighted! She plans to use the money to buy French books for her "Mars One" project at the grades 5/6 level.



Pictured above, from left to right:
Huguette Drouin Scholarship Committee member, Gamma Province
Mona-Elise Sevigny, recipient
Anna Sanalitra, Principal, Pierre Elliott Trudeau School
Barb Angus, Chair Scholarship Committee



Evelyn Eaton Award January 14, 2015

From left to right:
Beverly Townsend, Vice President, Gamma Province
Sophie Christopolos, Recipient
Barb Angus, Chair Scholarship Committee
Natalie Lacroix- Mailette, Principal, Royal Vale

World Fellowship, February 9, 2015

Once again our students were a delight. I'm so happy they all went home with something - Haza with an invitation for a guided tour of the McCord (she works in a museum in Singapore), Amrita with a possible job opportunity for her husband, and Nufar with an invitation for Passover. A clear example of the networking benefits of DKG! Our speaker, Dominique Trudeau, was excellent as well. A good night!



Three candidates pictured above, left to right: Siti Hazariah Binte Abu Bakar from Singapore, Nufar Avin from Israel and Amrita Shergil from England



Pictured above World Fellowship recipient Siti Hazariah Binte Abu Bakar

Editor's Note: On April 1, 2015, one of our three candidates was awarded the World Fellowship Scholarship. Here is Haza's response to the news:

When I received the email from Barbara on April 1st informing me of my award, I was walking back from the gym and had to sit down for a while to take it all in. It was an incredible surprise — one that I did not expect, and I had to read the email over and over again to make sure it wasn't an April Fools' Day joke! I am grateful to the Delta Kappa Gamma Society for having enough faith in me to support my application, and for believing in the work that I indulge in. This award goes a long way in funding my airfare for my fieldwork back home, where I will learn as much as possible about changes in Tamil Hindu death rituals, a strange area of research (and even stranger for a woman) which I hope to share with the younger generations of people in Singapore, Malaysia and on an international platform. I look forward to engaging a wide audience through education and the sharing of information in cultural and heritage industries upon my graduation. Thank you again, DKG Society International— your support and encouragement from the members I have met in the Quebec office means the world to an international student like me.

My best, Haza Siti Hazariah binte Abu Bakar
M.A. Student, Department of Anthropology
McGill University, Montreal, QC

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Homecoming September 2015



Rose Szasz and Mildred Burns share a chat



Erika Sebaldt collects dues with a smile as always



Althea Caesar and Georgie Crawford catch up on the news

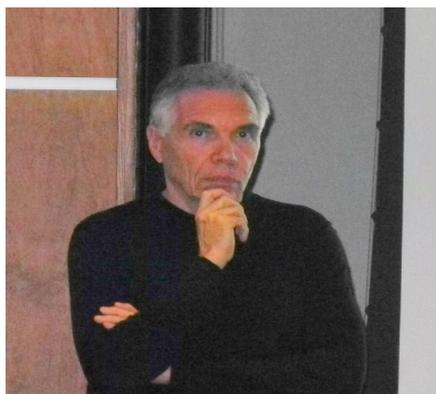


Judy Szamosi welcomes us into her beautiful home



Rena Entus speaks to us about her *Run for the Cure* to benefit women's cancers at the Jewish General Hospital in honour of a milestone in her life

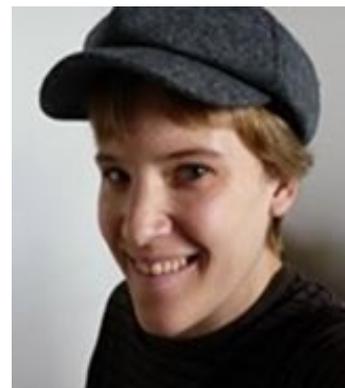
Gamma Province Guest Speakers for 2014-2015



OCTOBER: Dr. Joe Schwarcz, Director of McGill University's Office for Science and Society, spoke on Sense, Nonsense and Science



DECEMBER: Rhoda Amsel, Psychology Professor, McGill University, spoke on *Amazing Dog Therapy*



JANUARY: Heidi Vormer, Artist, spoke on *Life with Autism and Art*



FEBRUARY: Dominique Trudeau, Head, Educational Programs, McCord Museum, spoke on McCord Museum: *Sharing Our Memories and History*



MARCH: Tara Wheeler, Teacher, spoke on The Role of the Resource Teacher: Research results and tasks performed by the resource teacher



APRIL: Judy Labow, Teacher, will speak on "The Namuwongo Project"



MAY: Barb Angus will speak on genealogy, Writing Family History

NOVEMBER PANEL:

NATASHA EGIZIANO,

STEPHANIE GORDON,

ALISON LYDYNIA,

JENNIFER MARIASINE, SAMANTHA MICHAEL

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Registration Fee Host State Organization Volunteer	\$125	_____	_____
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Roaming Down Memory Lane: RULES OF CONDUCT TO TEACHERS IN 1915

1. You will not marry during the term of your contract.
2. You are not to keep company with men.
3. You must be home between the hours of 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. unless attending a school function.
4. You must not loiter downtown in any of the ice cream stores.
5. You may not travel beyond the city limits unless you have the permission of the chairman of the board.
6. You may not ride in a carriage or automobile with any man unless he is your father or brother.
7. You may not smoke cigarettes.
8. You may not dress in bright colours.
9. You may under no circumstances dye your hair.
10. You must wear at least two petticoats. Your dresses must not be any shorter than two inches above the ankle.
11. To keep the schoolroom neat and clean, you must sweep the floor at least once daily; scrub the floor at least once a week with hot, soapy water; clean the blackboards at least once a day and start the fire at 7 a.m. so the room will be warm by 8 a.m.

When I resigned from teaching in 1954 only 1 of these protocols was still in force and that was the one forbidding women to be married and teach.

- Reprinted from a teachers' magazine in Nova Scotia **Mary Makuch**

Editor's Note: I phoned Marianne Davis, one of Gamma Province's founding members, and read her the list of the rules, above. She chuckled at most of them but admitted that when she taught grades 1-7 in a one-room school house « we had to do everything . Of course, in those days, the students were happy to help the teacher. »



We've come
a long way!

Retired teachers Valerie Delacretaz (left) and
Georgie Crawford at Georgie's home



Active teacher Jeanne Registre Antoniazzi, with retired teachers Carol McKlosky Suhajda and Diane Slonosky, all guests at Dr. Joe's presentation in October

For the love of Gilbert & Sullivan - A Tribute to Robyn Bunch

By Beverly Townsend



If I were to ask, “Who is Robyn Bunch?” Or, “What do you know about Robyn Bunch?” - How would you answer? I am sure that we would have quite a variety of responses, but, let’s see how much we know about this avid music lover who is among us.

On Saturday, March 14, 2015 at 2 p.m., I discovered one of DKG Gamma Quebec Province’s musical star, when my grandson & I attended the high energy matinee performance of the Lakeshore Light Opera’s “Pirates of Penzance” by Gilbert and Sullivan. The cast was supported by a professional 18-piece orchestra under the dynamic direction of Ms Marian Siminski.

Robyn, performing as one of General Stanley’s wards, was a member of the lively and entertaining chorus and she says that “the energy and joy they have on stage is always there despite the exhaustion.”

She explains that both her parents were music lovers and that she grew up in a home that cannot be described as anything less than musical. Her mother was a career concert violinist and piano player. Her father also played the concert violin but as a hobby. However, it was an even greater LLO ‘family affair’ as both parents played for the LLO; her sister joined and sang with the group for 25 years; her brother was the stage manager; and her cousin was a set designer.

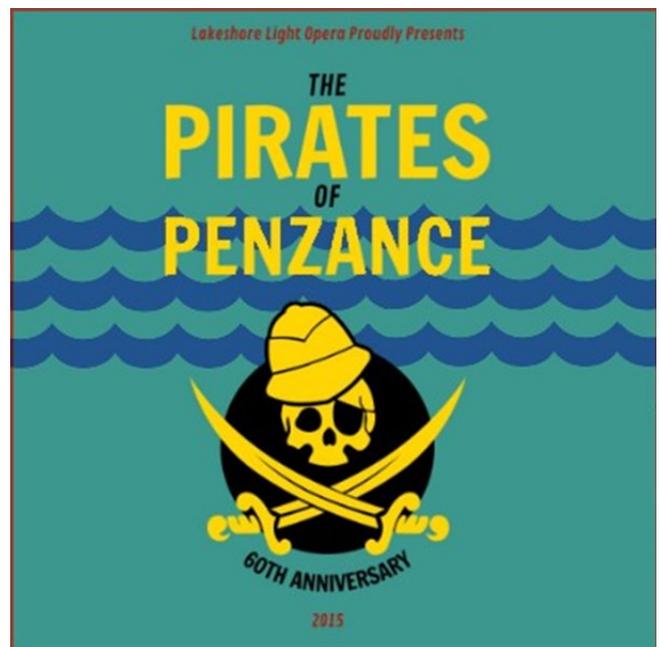
Robyn performed in her first Gilbert & Sullivan in grade 7 at Beaconsfield High where she was a member of the school choir. After graduating from McGill, she auditioned in 1971 with the then St. Paul’s Operatic Society. She was accepted and transitioned with them from St. Paul’s Operatic Society into the Lakeshore Light Opera.

After her brother’s sudden, tragic death in 1995, both her parents became very ill. Robyn was their main caregiver. Consequently, she stopped performing for 10 years. In 2005, with LLO celebrating its 50th year, she was invited to return to ‘the fold’. In 2015 she celebrated 36 years of G & S with LLO. She is the longest performing member of the group with Ms Siminski coming in second with 31 different G & S shows to her credit.

Robyn says music is her lifelong passion and that the LLO is her second family as she, along with the other members, are volunteers who have a ‘hands-on’ approach to the productions. They all sell tickets for the performances and ads for the programs. They set up and take down after performances with a very tight schedule of rehearsals until opening night. Go to www.llo.org to see a summary of the 60 years of Gilbert & Sullivan performances by the LLO resulting in donations of over \$171,000 to the Lakeshore General Hospital Foundation. Robyn is very proud of her efforts in this regard.

After 28 years of DKG Gamma Province Quebec membership, Robyn’s expresses her dilemma regarding her inability to attend Tuesday night meetings due to her LLO commitments.

Congratulations Robyn, on your accomplishments!





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