

# Class of 65 Newsletter

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### Editor's Corner/Coin du rédacteur

I hope everyone had a good summer and are now starting to get re-immersed into their regular schedules. This has been a busy period for yours truly. In August we took our entire family to Disneyworld and for a Disney cruise. Despite the oppressively hot and humid weather, a great time was had by all. We went in August because our daughter is a teacher and that was the only time she was available. The flip side to the heat is that it is not the most busy time at Disneyworld, so crowds were nowhere near their normal peaks.



In the meantime, we had purchased a new house but had not yet sold our existing home. Hope sprang eternal while we were away, but nothing happened so depression set in on return with little action occurring with the sale until, out of the blue, we got an offer that fit both our price and date. As I write, I am taking a break from packing and the move will take place over this weekend. This will be our last voluntary move!

We have an update on Ed Sanford. Bonard Whatley has also provided us with a status report on his life, and finally, yours truly will puff up his chest and report on a recent award. Before getting to those items, a passing reference to the latest Ottawa area lunch held at the HMCS Bytown Officers' Mess on 12 September. There was a fairly good turn-out with the following in attendance: **Anderson, Archer, Braham, Bury, Cable, Carruthers, Colfer, Diamond, Emond, Graham, Mulvihill, and Pellerin.**

Finally, you will note two articles on this year's Teaching Excellence Award sponsored by the Class of 65.

### Teaching Excellence Award (1)

This presentation by this year's winner of the Class of 65 sponsored Teaching Excellence Award is scheduled for Monday, 24 October at 1900. It is hoped that there will be the usual good turn out of Class of 65 alumni to underline our continuing commitment to this important award. Unfortunately, I will likely miss the event this year as I'm having a knee replaced on 11 October. See further details on this year's winner later in this Newsletter.



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### Update on Ed Sandford

The following information has been provided by Ed's partner, Sharon: *Ed is still with me, until tomorrow. His new room is so much bigger than his old one that he doesn't have enough furniture. With the help of two friends, we are moving some furniture from our place tomorrow afternoon and then then Ed will spend his first night in his new room tomorrow night. I have my fingers crossed that he will not wake up and be very confused. The floor aides are supposed to check on the residents every hour during the night.*

*His new address will be: Beacon Heights, 2201 Montreal Road, Unit 304, Ottawa, ON K1J 0B4.*

*His new phone number will be (613) 422-4223 (but I make no promises as to whether he will answer a call).*

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The following additional information was provided by **Nigel Hilliard**: *"Gents, here is a quick update from Sharon regarding Ed. It also includes his new contact information as he has moved from Memory Moments to Beacon Heights. Evidently the new facility has a pool, exercise room and Ed's room will be significantly bigger. Hopefully this will help cheer him up as he was quite depressed in the other facility."*

*By the way Sharon has made great progress in getting financial assistance for Ed thru the Legion and Veterans Affairs. Jim (Carruthers) I know she is very appreciative of your guidance in this matter.*

Our thoughts go out to Ed and Sharon, also thanks to Sharon and Nigel for keeping us updated, and a special word of appreciation to Jim Carruthers for the extra effort he took to help Sharon through the disability pension maze.

### **Bonard's Story**

by 6702 Bonard Whatley

After graduation, I did flight training on the Chipmunk, Harvard, and finally on Tutors in Gimli. Not being the "fastest" pilot, I moved over to engineering, and was then posted to CFB Clinton.

I married May the day after she finished Nurses Training in 1966 here in Thunder Bay. She practiced her nursing in Goderich and Halifax when I was posted in CFB Clinton, and VX10 respectively.

I resigned from the military in 1970 in order to enter 4 years of training with New Tribes Mission. That was more scary than going to Roads as there was concern as to where the dollars would come from. NTM is a church planting organization that sends missionaries into remote people groups who have no knowledge of the Bible, and generally whose languages are not known.



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### **Bonard's Story (Continued)**

We left for Indonesia in 1974 with our 4 children, and May expecting #5. You, Bob, weren't too far off with the Borneo jungle comment, though our time by the huge Kapuas River was only for one year in 1974/75, while we were studying the Indonesian language. Then we moved to the island of Sulawesi, to the remote coastal town of Tinombo, where we began studying the Lauje tribal language. Many of the people there are bilingual, speaking Indonesian and Lauje.

The Lauje men would come down from the mountains to Tinombo with their trade goods, mainly small red onions. They were poor and often exploited by the traders. We were able to befriend them, and gain their trust. Finally, April 1, 1977, we and our partners, Barrie and Cherri Williamson, moved up into the mountains. Barrie and I had each built a bamboo and wood house up there. Those houses would not serve in Canada but they were comfy, and mansions, I'm afraid, compared to the tribal houses.

It was the highlight of our lives to teach the Lauje people about Jesus Christ, for they had never heard of him. Sickness and death were rampant, and fear of the spirits was a way of life.

It was quite an adventure living with them, treating their diseases, teaching literacy, building airstrips, eventually training medics, and introducing crops and cattle, translating scripture, etc.

They learned God's Word, and their fears subsided. Some 60 of them learned to teach the Truth that sets us free, and now there are several thousand who love and worship Christ in those mountains.

2000 years after Christ was crucified and rose again, unrest in Indonesia brought new adventures. Many of the Christian faith were murdered as the Moslems took over their homes and property. By then our five children had all returned to the USA and Canada, and to our astonishment, all had also joined New Tribes Mission. The oldest 2 and their families were in the more peaceful province of Papua, so when we had to evacuate from Sulawesi we moved temporarily to Papua to work alongside them. They were moving into the very primitive Moi tribe, where killing of wives was common.

Later we moved back to Lauje. Williamsons had evacuated permanently. In 2005, knowing we were named and located by terrorists, we returned to Canada to live with my Mom in Thunder Bay. She had Alzheimers and was living alone in a rural area.

For a while, 4 of our kids were serving in Indonesia, but there has been a shuffling around:

Tim and Kathy live near the NTM Canada headquarters in Durham, On. Tim is now Executive Director there. They have 3 children ages 16, 18, and 20. The oldest, Brandt, will graduate from Bible Institute in Michigan in May. Tyler will graduate from high school. And Alyssa is learning to drive J.

Carolyn and Stephen are still in the very primitive Moi tribe, translating the New Testament into the Moi language and teaching literacy etc. An Indonesian billionaire is planning to build a school and medical clinic on site there. It is only accessible by plane/helicopter. They have 2 girls: Ashley is to graduate in May from Toccoa Falls College in Georgia; Mariah is in nursing at Liberty University in Virginia.



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### **Bonard's Story (Concluded)**

Shane and Karen also live near Durham. Shane teaches in the missions training institute, and Karen is the administrator. They have no children.

Nathan is a computer programmer at NTM USA headquarters in Sanford, Florida.

Alan and Rachel are on home assignment after 4 years in Indonesia. They are staying on the NTM campus in Durham, so 3 of our boys are in close proximity. Alan is busy wiring a new building they are putting up. Rachel teaches in the school for the children of staff and students. They have 2 children: Judah 12, and Miriam 10.

May and I keep busy on our 45 acre hobby farm here in Thunder Bay. A strong back and weak mind (to quote my Dad) is all that's required. Tho I find my back is not as strong as it used to be.

We've thoroughly enjoyed renewing acquaintance with Matt and Sue Wilson. Matt amazes me with the people and activities he can remember from Roads. Sorry we were unable to get down to the RMC reunion. I was busy getting a well dug 700 feet from our house, since salt from the highway had ruined our well water.

We visited the Lauje tribe again in 2008, and were pleased to see how able the church elders were in taking over spiritual leadership of the 3000+ believers meeting in their various areas across the mountains.

### **Mike Braham Receives Sovereign's Volunteer Medal**



At a ceremony at Rideau Hall on 7 September, Mike Braham received the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers from His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General of Canada.

The Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers recognizes the exceptional volunteer achievements of Canadians from across the country in a wide range of fields.

As an official Canadian honour, the Medal for Volunteers incorporates and replaces the Governor General's Caring Canadian Award. The Medal builds on the legacy and spirit of the Caring Canadian Award by honouring the dedication and commitment of volunteers. To learn more about the program, visit [www.caring.gg.ca](http://www.caring.gg.ca).



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### Mike Braham Receives SVM (concluded)



Mike was recognised for his volunteer activities at the Diefenbunker Cold War Museum. The citation noted that he had lent his experience and historical knowledge to help bring the Cold War facility to life; represented the museum at trade shows; participated in public outreach programs; developed a health and safety program for the museum; and, engaged with the media on the museum's behalf.



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### 2016 Teaching Excellence Award (2)

#### *Texte français plus bas*

This year's recipient of the Class of 1965 Teaching Excellence Award is Kurt Schobel, from the Department of Management and Economics. A short CV is included below.

The award will be presented following his presentation on Monday, 24 October 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in RMC's Curry Hall.

In the past, a number of classmates from Kingston, Ottawa, Toronto and beyond have attended the TEA presentation, typically getting together for a light supper at a local pub beforehand (details to follow), often joined by a few key members of the RMCC staff.

So please give some thought to attending this significant Class of 65 event.

#### **Mr. Kurt Schobel, CD, BA, MBA, FCPA, FCMA, Associate Professor**

Mr. Schobel joined the Department in 2005 after a 20 year career in the Canadian Forces as a finance officer. He is a professional accountant - CMA (2007) and holds a MBA from RMCC (2002) and a BA in Economics and Commerce (1989). In 2014, he was named a Fellow of the Society of Management Accountants of Canada. Mr. Schobel's research interests are in the areas of: performance measurement for not for profits, governance, and management accounting.



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Le récipiendaire du prix d'excellence en enseignement (PEE) de la promotion de 1965, cette année, est Kurt Schobel du département de Gestion et économie. Un court CV se trouve plus bas.

Le prix lui sera présenté à la suite de son discours lundi, le 24 octobre 2016 à 19 heures dans la salle Currie au CMRC.

Dans le passé, un certain nombre de notre promotion, soit de Kingston, Ottawa, Toronto et les environs, a participé à la présentation du PEE, la coutume étant de se rencontrer au préalable dans un "Pub" (détails à suivre), souvent accompagné de quelques dirigeants du CMRC.

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#### **M. Kurt Schobel, CD, BA, MBA, FCPA, FCMA, Professeur Agrégé**

M. Schobel a joint le département en 2005 après une carrière de 20 ans dans les forces canadiennes comme officier de finance. Il est un comptable agréé - CMA (2007) et détient une maîtrise en administration des affaires du CMRC (2002) ainsi qu'un baccalauréat en Économie et Commerce du CMRC (1989). En 2014 il était accordé le titre de Fellow de l'ordre de la société des comptables de gestion du Canada. Ses principaux intérêts de recherche sont dans les domaines de: la mesure du rendement pour les organismes à but non lucratif, la gouvernance et la comptabilité de gestion.



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