

REUNION

NEWSLETTER

Spring 1991

Reflections..... from the Chairpersons

Well, four months and counting folks, and I imagine the stocks in *Weight Watchers* are soaring. What a wonderful feeling to now be planning the little things like **door prizes, menus, agendas** with the hardest parts over now. We finally got a great lead on teachers from **Severn Blades** in Ottawa, and a big thank-you to the Provincial School Boards. We have sent out 50+ newsletters to former teachers.



I would like to re-emphasize that the **Sandman Inn** is the **Reunion Hotel**. Everyone especially those with children should book now, as the hotel is providing space for day-care for the Friday ice-breaker and the Saturday Dance. There

will also be a hospitality suite, or two. When you call for reservations be sure to tell the Inn that you are with the **Hemer Reunion** to receive your special rates.

Also, for those flying in. Be sure to quote **Canadian Airlines convention air** number "458" for discount rates. The **Calgary Herald** newspaper gave us a great publicity number on the "Hemer Brats", on the **front** page of the city section.

I'll be in **Toronto May 2-8** at 462-0270 and in **Hamilton May 8-12** at the Sheraton Hamilton under the name **Chris Milaney** if anyone wants to get together. I'll bring pictures and the reunion spreadsheet.

I'd like to close by telling you we're planning the best reunion possible. The caterers, menu, extras, all depend on us knowing exactly how many are coming so we have an accurate budget. To write us in droves just before the reunion to let us know you are coming could make it very difficult to rearrange the plans we've made. **Please let us know** by **deposit** if you even plan to come so we know what we are dealing with.

These next few months will just fly for us as we've been so busy and it doesn't look like it is going to slow down.

....Chris Milaney

It sure is hard to believe that we only have 4 1/2 months to go until the Your Reunion. **It sure is hard to believe**..... more than a year ago we started to work toward the **Hemer Reunion**. **It sure is hard to believe**.....we started with 30 persons and that has grown to over 250 people who will be there. **It sure is hard to believe**.... that so many friendships from yester year have been renewed and are going strong just as they used to be. **It sure is hard to believe**..... that we are going to see some of the teachers who helped shape our lives.



It sure is hard to believe.... everything is just about in place and ready to go, we just hope that you don't miss your opportunity to attend. **It sure is hard to believe**....that the **Hemer Reunion** is going to happen, and quite possibly without **you**. It sure is hard to believe that it will all be over August 6th.

I truly hope that you don't get caught up in the "**post yearning syndrome**". Many of us have been yearning for August 2nd to arrive so we can see all those friends we had 25 or more years ago. Some folks aren't quite sure yet if they want to attend. *I hope that you don't end up wishing that you had attended instead of not.* So please send in your application and payment soonest, because after May 31st we are to assume that you are not attending and you

will not receive any more newsletters from the committee. I urge you not to miss out on a once in a life time happening. **It sure is hard to believe**.... that some people are going to miss the **Hemer Reunion**. **It sure is hard to believe** that anybody would want to miss the Hemer Reunion in Calgary, Alberta in 1991.

It sure is hard to believe.....

....Ed Hood

At a Glance

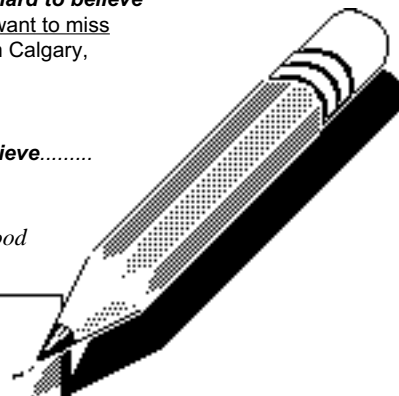
- **Reunion in Calgary Alberta**
- **August 2nd, 3rd & 4th, 1991**
- **Cost - \$100 per Adult**
Children under 18 - Free
- **Registration Deadline**
May 31st, 1991

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**Send in Your
Registration
Soonest!!**



HEMER REUNION

Hemer - A Look Back

.....Katie Williams

It has been 25 years since we stepped off the aircraft in Trenton. It was the end of three years of tangled emotions regarding life as a dependent of *Canadian Armed Forces in West Germany*. From my own perspective, upon our arrival on German soil to that Halloween night we boarded a plane for Canada, I ran a tumultuous race against normal growing experiences akin to everyone, versus those special circumstances the traveller finds himself engulfed in. We were at once children in a foreign land, but like all children we adapted quickly and handily to our new life. The children, it seemed, picked up the language quicker, the customs with vigour, harbouring none of the post war fears of their elders. We just moved in and took over.

Of **Hemer**, the little hamlet nestled in a valley, the colour grey evokes much memory. The grey skies, the grey P.M.Q.'s, the little bit of grey snow we were endowed with every year, the grey suits the German women wore consistently. The next colour I remember was the Red and White school colours. Hemer Senior High School (SHS) was a place to still be Canadian albeit with many Germany overtones. Here we met and befriended other children from various parts of Canada. Our teachers were as varied but as always the line between teacher and student was drawn and adhered to. The school allowed us a place for camaraderie and some measure of loyalty. There was fierce competition between **Hemer**, **Soest** and **Werl** schools, both on the playing fields and scholastically. Though we were all Brigade Schools in Europe we competed like our Football teams back home.

When I speak of fonder happier memories of Hemer I remember Kleine Canada and the Slop Shop next door. The latter was a much frequented "hang-out" for Canadian kids where they could grab a bag of chips and coke and just be who they were. The *M.L.S.* (Maple Leaf Services or latter know as Canex) had a great little candy counter full of enticing tooth decaying treats. Later with the full onslaught of "Teenagery" there was Teentown. Dances with live bands and or Juke Boxes provided many a Friday or Saturday nights respite from routine. Dickman's Cookie factory, a summer job for those of us desperate for cold hard cash, gave us a backwards peek at the Industrial Revolution. Indeed those machines were so archaic and the system so undisciplined that we spent a happy summer of devil-may-care, hijinks with a pay cheque. Of the entire summer work experience as a factory labourer, I did come away with one profound promise to myself, that being, to get my education and never ever work that physically hard again. We grew up much faster, than our counter parts back home in Canada, not because we intended to, but more because we had to. We had to deal with things in life most children know very little of. A store clerk who would one day speak English, then the next day refuse by negating their ability to do so. A town that looked upon us as usurpers and a reminder always that they lost; a place where ice-cream was Ice-milk and Corn on the Cob was pig feed. We had a choice - sink or swim. Happily, we swam and took great pleasure and grew quickly because of our child-like adaptability and we always knew that this place would one day be just a memory, and so we make of the adversities, a happy memory.

Veterans of Hemer Senior School and other local schools come on out to Calgary in August 1991 to celebrate our memories, our friendships, our follies, and the passions of our youths.



Can You Help??

.... Computer Dude

Many newsletters have been sent out to former students. However a few have been returned as the the mailing addresses have not been correct. The following is a list of folks whose newsletters have been RTS (return to sender). If you happen to know where these folks are would you please get in touch with us and update the address and we'll send a newsletter **pronto!**

Jamie Baldero
Pat Boyle
Richard Burtenshaw
Sally Butt (Green)
Lesley Cook
Susan Debney(Keicks)
Kerry Fenton
Pamela Henson(McKenna)
Gordie Hewitt
Sharon Hightower(Swanland)
Susan Larkin
Anne Larkin
Lisa MaCarthy
Cathy McBeth(Cowell)
Shannon MacDonald
Lynn MacKenzie (Vanderhorburg)
Ron Nalewajek
Janice Price
Sandra Price
Linda Price
Cathy Stewart
Bev Stothers (Pierini)

As you see not too many RTS's. If you know the where abouts of these people, please let us know as we wouldn't want anyone to miss out on the **Reunion in August**.



**Did You Send Your
Registration ???**

**AUGUST 2nd, 3rd & 4th
1991**

Hemer Reunion I t i n e r a r y

Friday 2nd August

7:00pm to 12:00pm
Sandman Inn
888 7th Ave SW

Registration
Info Folders
Giveaways
Music
Photographer
Babysitting available
and more

Sunday 4th August

11:00am to 4:00pm
Legion South Branch No. 276
4840 Richmond Road SW

Children Welcome
Breakfast/Lunch
Photo Album Sharing
Where to go from Here?
Memory Book (depending on response)

Saturday 3rd August

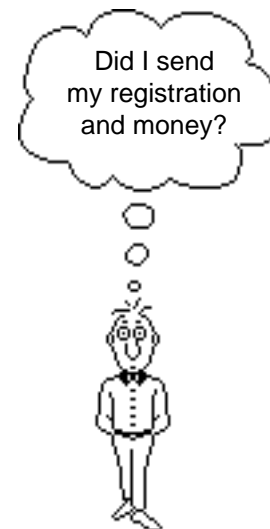
MORNING
8:30am to 10:30am
Heritage Park
1900 Heritage Drive

Stampede Style Breakfast
Children Welcome
Entertainment
Pancake Breakfast
Rides
Photographer

EVENING
5:00pm to 1am
Mewata Armouries
801-11th At SW

Diner & Dance
Cocktails
Buffet Dinner
Live Band
Door Prizes and Raffles
Photographer
Babysitting available

Receipt of your payment will
reserve you a spot for the week-
end!!



Are You Flying???

Canadian Airlines International™ is the official airline of the 1991 HEMER SCHOOL REUNION in Calgary. People booking their flight with Canadian Airlines "Convention Air" will be guaranteed **15% discount** off full economy fare. Savings of 30% or more are applicable subject to availability. You will be offered the lowest fare available on Canadian Airlines or any of its commuter partners. (Air Atlantic, Ontario Express, Calm Air, Time Air, and Midway Airlines). Canadian Plus Members continue to earn valuable mileage points with Canada's best frequent flyer program.

For information and reservations call the following toll-free numbers and identify that you are a participant in the 1991 Hemer School Reunion in Calgary at the Sandman Inn, conference I.D. no. **(#458)**.
In Canada 1-800-268-4704
In the U.S.A. 1-800-426-7007
outside North America- your local Canadian airlines reservations office
When dealing with your travel agent make sure that they register your bookings with Canadian's Convention air desk.

Air port shuttle direct to Sandman Inn is available.

Don't Leave Arrangements to the Last Minute

Hotel Info:

The **Sandman Inn** is the Hotel that we have recommended. It is located right downtown in **Calgary**, just a few blocks from **Mewata Armouries**. The Armouries is where the Dance and Dinner will be held. The Babysitting Service will also be held in the Sandman Inn. The Inn is located at the corner of 8th Street and 7th Avenue S.W. The Inn also provides an airport service, inquire about it when you call.

The address for the Sandman Inn is:
888 7th Aveune, S.W.
Calgary, Alberta, T2P 3J3
(403) 237-8626
Toll Free Reservations 1-800-663-6900

You are urged to book right away

Babysitting Service.

Peggie Townsend, who has a Bachelor of Education, with a major in Special Education, as well as a diploma in Early Childhood Education is heading up the Child Care Committee. **One change** should be noted from the formal letter sent. The hotel cannot allow us to keep the children overnight, for parents to pickup the next day. This does not seem to pose a problem. To reserve a spot with Peggie you can give her a call at (403)240-5836 or **after March 31st** write Peggie Townsend: 2819 - 40 Street SW Calgary, Alberta, T3E 3J7.
Or if you would prefer just drop a line to the committee and we'll happily forward your request.

Hemer Reunion

Fill out and send with Payment TODAY!

Hemer Reunion Committee
c/o Chris Pfenghansl (Milaney)
E342, 3620-44 Ave. S.W.
Calgary, Alberta
T3E 6W2

Hemer Reunion Intent to Attend Form

(or yes, it is an Application Form)

Name _____

Number that will(may) be attending _____ Adults _____ Children _____

Estimated Length stay in Calgary _____ days Can you volunteer some time? ☐ Yes ☐ No

While I'm in Calgary I will need: ☐ Hotel / Number of Rooms _____

☐ Car Rental ☐ Airport Pickup (let us know your arrival time)

☐ Babysitting / Number of Children & Ages _____

While at the Reunion I hope to attend: ☐ A. Registration Night ☐ B. Stampede Style Breakfast

☐ C. Reunion Dance ☐ D. Champagne Brunch & Farewell

Hemer Reunion Committee Official Application Form

Gossiping Gerta

So what news do I pull from by treasure trove of letters this month? **Gord McEleveny** called to see if anyone is flying in from Toronto on Friday Aug. 2nd and if so to call him at 1-519-364-5181. He'd welcome a travelling companion. In Guelph, **Marine Roy** is engaged to **Jim Fawcett**, a soldier who used to hang around the Teen Hut. **Karen Burchak** in Vancouver hasn't changed a bit. When asked what she'd been doing for 20 years she said "I heard you had to kiss a lot of frogs before you found the prince, but this is ridiculous, I've almost drained the swamp". **Blair Pettis** is taking the lovely Lila to be his bride in a military wedding this May. **Wendy "Wheels" Wheeler** is in Red Deer and back at school studying nursing. Yes, **Bev Levis** is alive and well living in Edmonton working with ADAAC. **Mr. Fink** is in Ontario and besides teaching runs a seasonal Inn. He, like **Mr. Gowans**, **Mr. Hoover**, **Mr. Wynychuk**, **Mr. Tessier** and **Mr. McCabe** look forward to seeing us all. **Carol Sinclair** out in the Maritimes wonders if anyone else is out that way. I know that **Bonnie** and **Gary Fullerton** are in Fredericton. **Linda Prouse** is living the life she has always dreamed of, happily married and working for the Engineering Department of Bell Canada. **Ken Carlson** is an optometrist in Edmonton. In Parry Sound, **Charlotte Goodman** is looking for **Dennis Rosine** or **Sheery Olsen**. **Susan and Bill Hutchinson** in Toronto are chomping at the bit for August. And **Brian Graham** doesn't know if he still has the stamina to party hearty. **Steve "Noodles" Blair** wonders if anyone remembers him. Come on Noodles...We all remember you. **Craig Walker** in Port Coquitlam still remembers shashlic sausage and **Penny and Dana Switzer** can't believe this is really happening. Believe it or not, **Ursula Funk** has a full grown son, Sister **Erica** dropped in at the last meeting. **Blake Marshall** also turned up and everyone couldn't believe he looked the same, well..almost. **Susan Hodge** is the nursing administrator near Calgary and **Georgina Beattie** is in the Dental Field. **Patty Hogan** out of Edmonton is all excited about August. **Stan Bailey** teaches at SAIT. Soooo..... drop me a line folks, so I have more news to pass on next time.

Thank-You

To all those persons who have given up a lot of time to realize a dream. To you, we all thank you.

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