

Good Evening Ladies and Gentlemen

It is so absolutely wonderful to stand before you tonight as we celebrate this 50th anniversary of our beloved high school. It was several years ago I calculated that this 50th anniversary would coincide with my retirement date and so I decided to begin the planning.

I should tell you that I had two motives for wanting to organize this reunion:— one was rather personal _ I knew that the reunion would coincide with the last day of teaching in my career and I made a very conscious decision to want to celebrate the end of a great career with the students and staff that had been a part of my years at Miles Mac. So to look out on so many former students and staff is a great thrill for me and I am so happy that you made the effort to be here. Many of you have come a long distance at great expense.

My second reason for wanting to put together the reunion was to facilitate the establishment of an alumni scholarship fund which would award two \$1000.00 scholarships to MMC graduates each year. This high school maintains a higher percentage than average of students choosing to pursue post-secondary education and for these students, a summer job at minimum wage does not provide enough funds for the high costs of tuition and texts.

Thus the rationale behind my call almost five years ago for volunteers interested in beginning to plan the weekend. From the initial meeting and after calls to many former students, I acquired a most amazing team. With a great crew of well over one hundred, my task of steering this reunion ship was very easy.

There were really three phases to our work. The first was to create a data base of the approximately 16000 former students and staff. To do this, names and former addresses were entered over a period of many typing sessions. Following this, I located 50 year reps to create their own subcommittees to begin the mammoth task of locating as many as possible of these former students and staff. Finally a steering committee was struck two years ago to specifically plan the events and logistics of this weekend.

And so tonight I want to take a few moments to thank those who have worked so tirelessly.

Typing the database – Maureen Silk, Mark Szymanski, Mary Oliver plus many others. Would anyone who helped with the creation of the data base please stand.

Year Reps finding, calling, networking, addressing– please stand

Decade Reps

Lorne Kendall

50's rep

Cheryl Frain (nee Bowering)

60's rep

Bev Brown (nee Camp)	70's rep
Deanne Fulawka (nee Buchannon)	80's rep
Mark Syzmanski	90-00's rep

Logistics:

a reunion phone line, maintained at the home of Cheryl Frain. Please stand Cheryl. Cheryl for the literally thousands of calls, voice messages and emails, thank you so much.

Phoning Committee – Corrine Richardson

PSA Announcements – Maureen Silk

Publicity – Jim Smith

Logo, Graphic Design & the Registration package – Shelly Makus

Design of the Program booklet – Maureen Silk

Banners for the School and for Henderson Highway donated by Coke, McCain's, Ron Storozuk and Food Systems Management -

Registration – Deanne Fulawka & Carolyn Dillon, Cheryl Frain, Jim Smith, Corrine Richardson

Photography – Destiny Ferrand

Budget, Accounting, Agreements & Scholarship Fund through the Winnipeg Foundation – Ron Storozuk

Sponsorships & Donations – Bob Kozminski & Ritchie Gage

Pickup & Delivery - The RESD

Secretarial staff of MMC

Fundraising –

Social Evening & Silent Auction at Wise Guys in April 2000 Carmen Petrowski & Carmen Walker

Sock Hop & Silent Auction at Miles Mac Saturday October 21,2000

Isaak Wardekker, Destiny Ferrand

Maureen Silk , Carmen Petrowski, Mary & Todd Raymond

Sisters of the Holy Rock Concert - Ruth Smith & Corinne Richardson

Wise Guys – Marco Dei Cont

The Ard-ri Concert– Ruth Smith

The events of this weekend:

The Musical Revue at Pantages - Brenda McConaghy & Zane Zalis & all the former students – 4 rehearsals

The Wine & Cheese last night– Brenda McConaghy

The Open House – Daryl Dumanski

Open House displays – Jim Smith, Mary ann Krasowski, Susan Tighe, Maureen Silk, Mary Raymond, Alison Vokey, peter Dyck, Debra Danku, Susan Tighe, Daniel Yaworski, mary Oliver, Walter Melnyk, Daryl Dumanski, Wendy Cooke, Pat Townsend, carole Steele, Don Ulicki

Open House Reception – Pat McDonald & Jean Smith

