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# Foundation News

## the music makers



Taken in the '70s, the photo above, provided by Scott Krueger, shows music teachers Dave Ford (Strings), Robert Krueger (Band) and David Beaton (Choir) at a public performance held at the school. Sadly, not long after helping to organise the 100th Anniversary celebration performances at Roy Thompson Hall, Robert Krueger passed away. We look back on his 30 year career at NT, and the formidable music teaching ensemble that began in 1970. > [Page 2](#)

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# The Music Makers

Robert “Bob” Krueger was recruited to teach music at NT from Bloor Collegiate, joining strings master Dave Ford to fill the shoes of beloved band leader Charles Hill. While Bob matched “Bud” Hill’s desire for excellence and dedication to his students, it was his sense of humour that set him apart from other music teachers and helped make North Toronto’s stellar musical achievements that much more fun.

Ford, whose tenure at the school started in 1966, had already set about stretching the student’s talents, tasking them with challenging orchestral pieces not normally attempted by teenage performers. Even as Ford and Hill developed the kids’ instrumental talents, another new teacher, Dave Beaton, was raising the standard for vocal performance in the practice room below.

Beaton, choirmaster and organist at the Church of The Messiah, left his day job with Bell Canada to try and impart his superb musical to, hopefully, receptive high school students. He arrived at NT in 1969, and soon proved the choir could be every bit as impressive as the players. Although Hill’s departure that year was worrisome, the arrival of the irreverent Mr. Ford heralded a decades long string of musical achievements at North Toronto.

Mr. Beaton stayed at the school for 25 years, Mr. Ford for an incredible 30, fomenting a life-long love of music in hundreds of students, many of whom went on to professional performing careers. Bob Krueger died in September, age 68, he taught for 32 years in all.

Two more shots of always dapper Bob Krueger, again at public performances. (Courtesy Scott Krueger)



# 100th Anniversary Celebrations

Story and photos by Caroline Conacher ('93)



Good things come to those who wait, even if that means waiting 100 years. Well, maybe not quite, but the 100th anniversary of NTCI was a catalyst for many events, including parties, monthly gatherings and sporting events.

Debbie Gray (class of '88) decided it was the perfect excuse for a good old-fashioned high school house party, although she admits it was nice to be able to leave the rugs down and the artwork on the wall. "There were many folks that had not seen one another since Commencement in the fall of 1988". Making the event even more special was the fact that Rob Camp, a classmate who was quite ill at the time, was able to make it to the party. Sadly, Rob passed away weeks later, but he and his classmates were thankful for this final chance to connect.

The 100th anniversary was especially significant for the class of '62 as it marked the 50th anniversary of their graduation. They held a reception for their class with an amazing turnout of over 65 people. Stan Pearl, one of the organizers of the reunion says it was such a success that a group continues to meet on a monthly basis at the Granite Brewery the first

Tuesday of the month. The class of 82 is planning to have a collective 50th birthday in the fall, perhaps in an effort to take the sting out of it! If you are interested in attending, contact Lisa Cain at [lisa-ian@rogers.com](mailto:lisa-ian@rogers.com). Those from other years turning 50 this year are also welcome. We would love to hear your stories from the 100th and any other get togethers with your NT peers. Please send them to the foundation email: [ntcifoundation@gmail.com](mailto:ntcifoundation@gmail.com).

Finally, one of the great events at the 100th was the golf tournament organized by Owen Smith. Because of its success, the organizers plan to make it an annual fundraising event. This year, the tournament will be held at Cardinal Golf Club on Sunday May 26th to raise money for athletics championship banners at NTCI. For more information, contact Owen Smith and [osmith@ucc.on.ca](mailto:osmith@ucc.on.ca).

# In Memoriam



Elizabeth Mantrop



Jean Vale

**Sadly, more teachers that enjoyed long and highly-influential careers at North Toronto have passed away recently.**

**Elizabeth Mantrop** came to NT in 1976 to succeed Molly Moore as head of Women's Physical & Health Education. In addition to her curriculum and headship duties, she coached volleyball, soccer, swim and tennis as well as recruiting quality teacher-coaches for other girl's teams. Most importantly she championed the cause of female equity at NT; girls finally gained equal access to both gyms, female sports received equal funding and GAA leadership in the school was carefully nurtured and strongly supported.

Liz will be remembered as a woman who did not mince words, for her lively sense of humour, her love of a great story, her open-door policy and her caring for her students especially those in need and in under-served communities. She was a sympathetic mentor to many and in her honest but gentle, and often humorous, manner encouraged her students to achieve, aspire and resolve.

Liz left NT in 1994 to serve as Vice-Principal at Lawrence Park and then Central Commerce. In retirement, she enjoyed her garden, shopping, bridge, tennis and having time for friends and family, especially sons Scott and Jordan and husband Bryan.

As one her former students said; "I have to believe that Liz knows how much I cared for her, respected her and valued absolutely everything that she brought to my life. She will be greatly missed! I know I learned so much from her up-front, no-nonsense approach which was really covering up her warmth and caring."

**Jean Mary Vale** was born in Toronto. She attended Lawrence Park as a member of the first graduating class (1941), obtaining a BA in English Lit at U of T four years later. She worked as an editor until 1961, then switch to teaching English at NT the following year. Obtaining her MA in 1970 enabled her to become Associate Head of English, a few years later she took over as Library Head, holding this post until her retirement in 1987.

Blessed with a keen intellect and an encyclopaedic memory, her impressive abilities were tempered by a delightful sense of humour. She was also widely travelled, visiting dozens of countries and acquiring many life-long friends along the way. Jean passed away last August at the age of 88.



Robert Krueger, taking in the game with his family. (Pentagon Files)

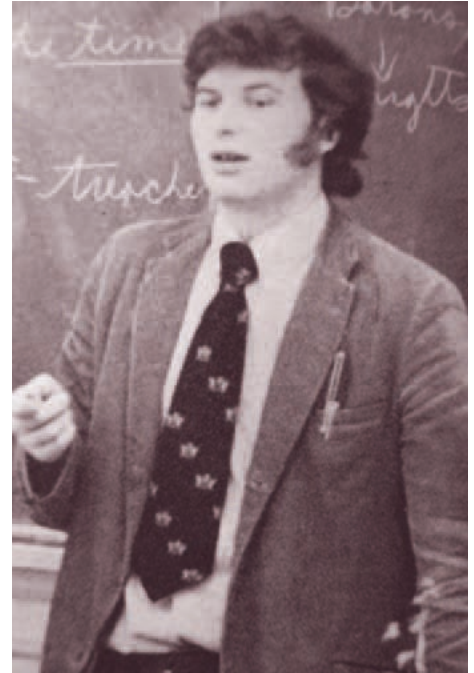
**Robert "Bob" Krueger** was recruited to teach music at NT from Bloor Collegiate. He died in September 2012 at the age of 68. *See page 2 for more information about Robert Krueger and the NT music program.*

**Kerry Keenan** was a native of Sudbury. He moved to Toronto to attend U of T, then joined the Toronto Board. An animated and enthusiastic history teacher, known for his ability to make the subject come alive for his students. Kerry taught at North Toronto from 1972 to 1983, then went on to Lawrence Park. He moved to Collingwood after retiring and passed away last July.

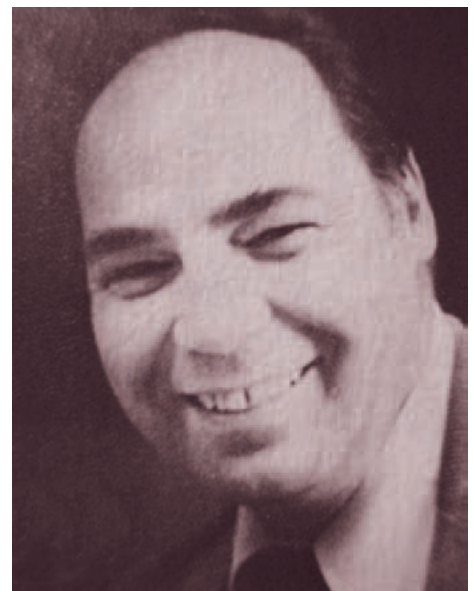
**Ron Raymer** was a science teacher and then head of physics at NT. Ron started at NT in 1979 and retired in 1994.

We have also been informed that of number of former students are gone:

- Elizabeth (Betty) Kaliciak**
- Donald Duncan**
- Kay Rutherford Liddy**
- Andre James Charade**
- Chuck Lum**
- Robert Camp**



Kerry Keenan



Ron Raymer

# The New Field

Your funds at work: aerial view of the school and field, and another shot from a lower angle, showing the new field markings provided through funds raised by the NTCI Alumni Association. Also of note, the school achieved LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Gold Status last year. It is the third TDSB school to gain this ranking, and the first high school.



# More Memories



Hard working members of your alumni association have made it possible to experience the sights and sounds of the 100th celebrations and enhance your memories in of NT in several ways:

**The Memories Forever Concert** held at Roy Thomson Hall last spring was fully recorded and the contents of that DVD (after much technical work - thanks to Mark Kinoshita) are available online. Just visit [nt100th.ntci.on.ca/?q=node/35](http://nt100th.ntci.on.ca/?q=node/35) on the NTCI Foundation Web site and you will see two screens. These are links to YouTube playlists and you can even use the controls at the bottom of the screen to advance through each segment, including commentary by our MC that night (Martin Julien), at your leisure.

The NTCI Foundation Web site also contains many **photos**, access to **past newsletters** and **info about alumni events**, we heartily encourage you to check it out: [nt100th.ntci.on.ca](http://nt100th.ntci.on.ca)



More history mixed in with the present. This former school doorway now leads to the Heritage Courtyard. The school office is to the right. (Courtesy TDSB)

## Help Us Go Green!

Email us at [ntcifoundation@ntci.on.ca](mailto:ntcifoundation@ntci.on.ca) with "Go Green" in the subject line if you are prepared to receive future copies of the newsletter via email. This will reduce the number of copies we have to print and will enable the Foundation to use more of your annual donations for student awards and activities rather than for postage.

## Your Skills and Interests — Just What We're Looking For!

The NTCI Foundation has an Advisory Board of 25 members that meets at the school about six times each year. In addition to providing general guidance at Board meetings, our members bring a variety of skills in helping with many different Foundation-related activities. In the coming year, we will need to replenish our Board with about five new members. We would like to hear from you if can:

- Write copy for the annual newsletter
- Help us maintain our membership database/ mailing list
- Help maintain our Web site, to make it a compelling and up-to-date source of information
- Lend a hand with the School Archives
- Think outside the box in considering what else we might do to serve the school and our alumni

**Interested in helping out? Please let us know:**

Email [ntcifoundation@ntci.on.ca](mailto:ntcifoundation@ntci.on.ca) with "Board Membership" in the subject line.

## Scholarship Winners

In addition to funding worthwhile projects that cannot be financed from normal school resources, the NTCI foundation also funds several scholarships that are awarded at Commencement to reward academic and extra curricular achievement. Here are the award winners from last fall's Commencement ceremony:

The R.R.H. (Bud) Page Valedictory Prize: **Frank Hyun**

The Sifton Trophy for Young Men: **Frank Hyun**

The Kerr Trophy for Young Women: **Chloe Li**

The Hal Brown "Triple A" Award: **Jack Hull**

The Betty Bealey Laureateship in English Award: **Chloe Li**

The Senator Keith Davey Award: **Matthew James**

NTCI Foundation Centennial Scholarship: **Christina Atkinson**

## Advisory Board Members 2013-2014

Paul Allen ('61)

Nancy Baines (NT Staff '68-'91) (Archivist)

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Andrew Ogilvie ('90)

Stan Pearl ('62)

Paul Raff ('86)

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