

TH&VS GRADS OF '75 AND '76 HOST MINI-REUNION July 8, 9, & 10, 2022

TH&VS GRADS of the class of '75-'76 have maintained their bonds of friendship over the years. A special mini-reunion was held in early summer of 2022 to acknowledge an important milestone in their lives. These grads, born in 1957, are on the threshold of becoming youthful seniors, hence the celebration was suitably named **65th Birthday Reunion**. **Darrell Sokoloski**, his wife **Gail**, and other **volunteers** who reside in Timmins welcomed out-of-town **Alumni** not only from all regions of Ontario but also from several other provinces ranging from the Atlantic to the Pacific coasts. The group's last reunion, **60th Birthday Bash**, was held in **2017**.

The Sokoloskis - the main organizers- finalized plans by **January 10, 2022**. This included **5 main events**, as follows: **Meet & Greet** followed by a **Dinner Buffet** at the **Porcupine Dante Club Lounge**, a **concert** at **Croatian Hall** in Schumacher featuring **The Grievous Angels**, a backyard **Garden Party** chez **Sokoloski** featuring an afternoon lunch, a relaxing evening at **Surge Night Club**, and a goodbye **Sunday Brunch** at **Siva's Restaurant**. The cost of this event was **\$200**, including drinks served with the two catered meals. Single event pricing was also offered; the hosts were optimistic that most attendees would select the entire weekend package.

Thankfully, Canada-wide **COVID-19** restrictions were gradually being lifted, for there was some concern that this long-anticipated reunion may not occur due to the virus' ongoing presence.

A glance at the group's public FB page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1580284272272010/> will reveal the heart-felt gratitude expressed to the **Sokoloskis** for their successful organizational efforts.

TH&VS Alumni **Wayne Brown's** comments may offer a summary of the attendees' reactions:

"Nancy and I want to express our gratitude to Gail and Darrell ... for their awesome hospitality. As always, it exceeded our expectations. Thanks also to all of the folks from away that attended. We townies appreciate your devotion to the reunion enormously. Those of you that were unable to attend were greatly missed. I wonder if we can do it all again in 2025? Cheers!"

Perhaps other TH&VS classes may feel encouraged to plan their own mini-reunions.



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Check out **TH&VS Alumni Community** on Facebook for memories and news on the successful bursary initiative by TH&VS Alumni for new TH grads.
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1234958369987624/> (now 1,635 members)



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Thanks to the generosity of alumni in the TH&VS Alumni Community on Facebook and the Michaud family, 3 new bursaries were awarded to TH&VS graduates in June 2021 and 2022:

a) TH&VS Staff Appreciation Bursary - in honour of TH&VS teachers for fostering excellence in education and making a difference in the lives of students. Awarded to a college and/or university-bound graduate pursuing studies in the Health Sciences field and whose activities have contributed to both TH&VS and the community - 2 bursaries @\$1,500 in 2021 & 2 bursaries @ \$1,000 in 2022.

b) Francis Michaud Memorial Bursary - in memory of Francis (Frank) Michaud, former TH&VS Jr. & Sr. Basketball Player. Awarded to a college or university-bound graduate pursuing studies in the health sciences field and whose activities have contributed to both TH&VS and the community - 1 bursary @ \$1,000 in 2021 and 2022.

What is the THAA?

The TH&VS Alumni Association (THAA) is a non-profit charitable organization that was established in 1999 by a group of alumni and former staff members of TH&VS. Currently there are 10 board members and the TH&VS principal who serves in an advisory role to the latter. The THAA:

- is responsible for the sustained growth and annual income disbursement of the funds it receives. In return, as a registered non-profit charity, it issues tax receipts for any donations.
- Provided approximately **\$19,400** (June, 2022) annually in scholarships with input from the staff and administration.
- publishes an annual alumni newsletter,
- maintains a newly up-dated website for TH&VS alumni (www.thvsalumni.ca).

Scholarships invested with the THAA and awarded at June 2022 graduation:

Brent Read Memorial Scholarship
Bruno Toffanello Memorial Scholarship
Craig Beda Memorial Scholarship
David Fong Photography Scholarship
Doug Howie Memorial Scholarship
Ed Collins Scholarship
Elisabeth Johnson Bursary
Elise Moisan Haralovich Bursary
Eric Peterson Memorial Scholarship
Evelyn Rymer Memorial Scholarship
Frank Graf Scholarship
Frank Michaud Memorial Bursary
Hedy Baker-Graf Scholarship
Helge Kleven Scholarship
Lily Anderson Scholarship
Lori-Ann Teixeira Memorial Scholarship
Margaret Clausi Memorial Scholarship
May Family Scholarship
Polish White Eagle Society Bursary
Rita Seccombe Art Scholarship
Ryan Reid Bursary
Schumacher Alumni Scholarship
Sean Graf Scholarship
Shania Twain Scholarships (2)
Susan Hall Memorial Scholarship
TH&VS Staff Appreciation Bursary (2)

Want to Donate or Create a TH&VS scholarship?

The process for creating a scholarship for TH&VS students is an easy one. While there are several options depending on the size of the investment, most scholarships are based on the interest generated annually by the investment of funds with the THAA.

As a charitable organization registered with the Canada Revenue Agency, we will issue a tax receipt for the total donation. Contact us at info@thvsalumni.ca for more information. TH&VS Student Services is ready to assist the donor in establishing criteria for the award.

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