



Loyola

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Class of '74 - 45th Reunion

The year: 1974. Bourassa was two years from wrapping up as Quebec premier in favour of René Lévesque, Drapeau was still Montreal's mayor and the controversial construction of the Olympic Stadium had begun. The conversion to metric was in high gear and the price of oil was barely into double digits after the 1973 oil crisis although OPEC was soon to wreak havoc. So V-8's gave way to four and six cylinder cars like the VW *Golf*. Notwithstanding his running Ottawa for six years, the Trudeau (Pierre Elliott) name was not exactly popular in Calgary, especially with his government's highly controversial wage and price controls and rampant inflation. The future white elephant Mirabel Airport was about to open.

In the US, President Nixon resigned in disgrace in favour of Gerald Ford, the Watergate perpetrators were grilled before heading to prison and the Vietnam War was about to end. Microsoft was being formed and the US Apollo space program was in full swing.

Other notable events that year included:

- Skylab 4 spends a record 84 days in orbit and first flight of the F-16 fighter;
- Patty Hearst is kidnapped and the world population attains 4 billion;
- The PLO is granted observer status by the UN General Assembly;
- Crash of Turkish Airlines Flight 981 near Paris kills all 346 aboard;
- First issue of *People's* magazine and Stephen King's first novel, *Carrie*;
- The first Universal Product Code is scanned for the sale of an item;
- Isabel Peron becomes the first female president of Argentina;
- Muhammed Ali knocks out George Foreman in Zaire's *Rumble in the Jungle* to regain the world heavyweight title;
- Hank Aaron's 715th home run breaks Babe Ruth's record while the Oakland As' Rollie Fingers and his famous moustache won the World Series over LA;
- Hungarian architecture professor Erno Rubik invents the Rubik's Cube while *Dungeons & Dragons* is first released in the US;
- Kate Moss, Christian Bale, Elizabeth Banks, Victoria Beckham, Penelope Cruz, Alanis Morissette, and Canadian basketball player Steve Nash are born.

The Billboard's top songs included *Seasons in the Sun*, the Stylistics' *You Make Me Feel Brand New* and Streisand's (Oscars - Best Original Song) *The Way We Were* – but few will forget *The Locomotion*, *Jungle Boogie* and the Jackson 5's *Dancing Machine*. Disco was in full swing, but you'll be relieved to know BTO's *Taking Care of Business* and Clapton's *I Shot the Sheriff* also came out. Pink Floyd rocked Montreal's Autostade, Bob Dylan and the Band played the Forum and Genesis came to town. Home-grown April Wine was also in their heyday while Lighthouse was ending its run.

On TV, we were into *All in the Family*, Lucille Ball ended a 23 year run and *Gunsmoke* and *Brady Bunch* were wrapping up. We watched Oscar-winning Telly Savalas on *Kojak*

while some opted for the tamer *Carol Burnett* or *Mary Tyler Moore* shows. In the 46th Academy Awards, *The Sting* won best picture. *Wheel of Fortune* and *Saturday Night Live* premiered with George Carlin as first guest host. *Star Trek* reruns had already begun.

Some hockey fans might recall the Buffalo Sabres beating the Habs in the semifinals, making their first appearance in the finals against tough Bobby Clarke and the Philadelphia Flyers, first NHL expansion team to win the Stanley Cup. Bernie Parent won the MVP. Montreal lost Frank Mahovlich but gained Guy Lafleur who scored 53 goals, beating the Rocket's record; Ken Dryden got his law degree and came back.

We were blessed with the great Fr. Casey as Principal and Mr. Meagher as Vice Principal and some interesting teachers. Who can forget Mr. Donnini and his grad ring rap on his desk, sneaking in a game of chess during Mr. Papadapolous' biology classes ("I really teach Statistics") or Mr. Mackey's stethoscope ("according to this, you're actually dead!")? Ms. Haughey ("I am NOT Irish!") never gave up trying to teach a pack of tone-deaf adolescent boys, and Father Hodgins' (with his crossed legs and well-worn front seat foot rest) and Drs. Khouri's and Drolet's ("you think I don't know anything about sex? I've got five kids!") speech classes left indelible marks on all of us. Mr. Mukerji's dedication to our learning physics was amazing but so were Mr. "Waly" Martin's explosive sodium/water experiments in chemistry (always good for a laugh as long as you were not in the front row!). There were the English classes with the likes of Mssrs. Parr, Kirk or Nelson (memorable quote: "Gentlemen, it would truly be a shame if you chose to let your gonads do the walking through the Yellow Pages of life!").

Of course, sport always played a big role at Loyola. There were City Championships in football under the watchful eyes of Fr. O'Brien and Messrs. Russell, Newman and Dubee. Mssrs. Ruddy, Pearson and Meagher coached the hockey teams. Basketball teams featured Mr. JJ Javornik and Fr's O'Brien and Mathieu, while soccer was led by the inimitable Mr. Vaccaro. We were truly blessed to have a group of teachers who were ready to devote so much of their time to coaching sports, moderating social events and overseeing a wide range of clubs.

Looking way back at the year book, everyone had way too much hair, lobster bib ties, lapels that went on forever and bell bottom pants. There was polyester but we also managed to make Levi corduroy "jean jackets" okay for school wear (at least until Fr. Casey banned them and construction boots). Mismatched plaid pants and sports jackets and polka dot ties ... yikes!!

1974 was pivotal for us in launching us to new horizons. It's time to once again gather as a class to reminisce, tell tall tales and enjoy each other's company. Therefore, mark the following dates in your calendar: **October 11th and 12th, 2019.**

On the **Friday night, October 11th**, The Alumni Association will host its annual **Smoked Meat and Oysters and Beer Bash** which will be held in the Atrium of the High School (located on the corner of West Broadway and Sherbrooke, across the street from the University). This is the annual, all-alumni event which kicks off Loyola's Homecoming Weekend, beginning around six pm and continuing to 11pm, at which time we will head downtown to continue the fun. Simply show up at the door (there will be an entrance fee of \$25 which includes a beer and smoked meat and even some oysters) and there will be directions to our gathering place.

TBD: On the Saturday night/day, we will have an event or two. We will gather with our brides (or solo) for a dinner at a restaurant/bar/club. Details will follow. If you need a hotel, the school has corporate rates at the Doubletree Hilton and Chateau Versailles/Meridien – contact Randy (514-486-1101 ext 268) for details.

If you received this announcement by post, it's because we weren't able to determine your email address. NB: all further updates will be done by email, Facebook and the Loyola High School web page. So we can keep you involved in organizing the weekend, **please let Randy know your email address at alumni@loyola.ca.** Unfortunately, over the last few years we have lost contact with a number of our classmates- see list below. If you know of their whereabouts, email Randy and he will send them this announcement. We look forward to seeing everyone so we can shoot the breeze over a beer and dust off a few poignant memories!

Brian Grassby, Keith Marchessault and Eric McKay

Missing Classmates:

Mr. Daniel Beaudette '74
Mr. Patrick Best '74
Mr. David Bohonis '74
Mr. Ronald Boucher '74
Mr. John Bourassa '74
Mr. Thomas Brilotti '74
Mr. John Briscoe '74
Mr. Daniel Burke '74
Mr. Stephen Burlton '74
Mr. Kevin Cassidy '74
Mr. Rafael Chlipalski '74
Mr. Robert Cox '74
Mr. Nick Craston '74
Mr. Charles Davin '74
Mr. Stephen Derick '74
Mr. John Devlin, Jr. '74
Mr. John Eaton '74
Mr. Brian Fang '74
Mr. Daniel Fergus '74
Mr. Mike Ferreira '74
Mr. John Gatelaro '74
Mr. John Glowka '74
Mr. Garry Graham '74
Mr. Michael Green '74
Mr. Craig Greene '74
Mr. John Griffin '74
Mr. Jack Griffin '74
Dr. Grant Halischuk '74
Mr. Christopher Hayes '74

Mr. John Heffernan '74
Mr. Lester Jackson '74
Mr. Ronald Jankowski '74
Mr. Kevin Kelley '74
Mr. Sean Kelly '74
Mr. William Kelly '74
Mr. James Kennedy '74
Mr. Brendan Korneski '74
Mr. Neil Kortenaar '74
Dr. Michael Kral '74
Mr. Andrew Lapinas '74
Mr. Anthony Lawrence '74
Mr. John Ledden '74
Mr. Robert Lefebvre '74
Mr. David Lewis '74
Mr. Bruce Lovett '74
Mr. Edward Lysucha '74
Dr. David MacCallum '74
Mr. Karl Matschek '74
Mr. Paul McDonald '74
Mr. Daniel Michailiuk '74
Mr. Robert Mollot '74
Mr. Kenneth Murphy '74
Mr. Mark O'Kill '74
Mr. Dennis Palos '74
Mr. Kenneth Paul '74
Mr. Andrew Pecs '74
Mr. James Pelton '74
Mr. Kevin Phillips '74
Mr. Thomas Porteous '74
Mr. Ernest Reumiller '74
Dr. Gordon Roper '74
Mr. John Roper '74
Mr. Robert Stocker '74
Mr. David Sutherland '74
Mr. Peter Talko '74
Mr. Joseph Tamas '74
Mr. Robert Taylor '74
Mr. Nicholas Tirkanits '74
Mr. Thomas Tirkanits '74
Mr. William Turk, Jr. '74
Mr. David Turley '74
Mr. Peter Van Doninck '74
Mr. James Vincelli '74
Mr. Timothy Walsh '74
Mr. Stephen Ziolkowski '74