



THE SOLDIERS' TOWER CARILLON

For those of you who have attended Remembrance Day Services or U of T Convocations on the St. George campus, you have heard the peal of the bells of UofT's Soldiers' Tower Carillon, the only university carillon in Canada. But, do you know what a carillon is? how it works? or the history of the Soldiers' Tower carillon? It is a fascinating instrument and there are not many carillonneurs in Canada to play it.

According to the Guild of Carillonneurs in North America: "a carillon is a musical instrument consisting of at least two octaves of carillon bells arranged in chromatic series and played from a keyboard permitting control of expression through variation of touch". Considered one of the world's largest musical instruments, the carillon is played by a single performer from an organ-like console with keys (batons) and pedals which are attached to wires that control the cast iron hammers, or 'clappers'. A clapper (one inside each bell) moves towards the inside lip of the bell when a baton/pedal is depressed - when the bell (which remains stationary) is struck by the clapper, a sound is made! The keyboard permits an infinite control of expression through variations of the carillonneur's touch. There is nothing electronic or electrical in a carillon - it's an acoustic, mechanical and manual instrument. Typically located in a clock or church tower, the carillon has bells of varying sizes and weights, cast in bronze and turned very carefully by paring metal away, usually from the bell's inside surface, such that they can be sounded together in varied chords with harmonious and concordant effect. Correctly tuned, the partial tones comprising the bell's sound are in such a harmonious relationship to each other that many bells may be sounded together, in a variety of chords, with a pleasing result. The 51 bells of The Soldiers' Tower Carillon range in weight from



The Carillon Keyboard

four tons (low Bb, an octave below middle C) to 23 pounds (high D, 3 octaves above middle C).

The Soldier's Tower carillon, dedicated on October 6th, 1927, originally consisted of 23 bells which were cast by British bellfounders and clock-makers, Gillett and Johnston of Croydon. Alumni, students and friends of the university donated the bells in memory of students, graduates and faculty who fell in World War I. Different groups (colleges, fraternities and alumni) funded specific bells of the carillon. For instance, Trinity College funded Bell XIX, a four ton bronze bell. The Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering, the Academy of Medicine, and both University

College's Alumni Association and Women's Alumnae Association were also among some the groups who donated funds towards the bells. One of the bells is dedicated to the memory of Lawren Harris' brother, Captain Howard Kilbourne Harris. In 1954, more bells were added to the carillon to extend the range, but unfortunately the newer bells were not in tune with the original 23 and had to be replaced in the 1970s.

There are actually two instruments in the carillon room: one is the real carillon whose bells we hear peal across campus, and the other is a practice instrument. This practice instrument, a bit similar to a xylophone which has chimes which cannot be heard outside the Tower, is used by students learning to play the carillon. Only once they are proficient, are they permitted to play the real carillon for us all to hear.

The Soldiers' Tower Carillon has been under different university administrations over the years. During the 1990s, it was run under the auspices of the President's office then several years ago it was passed on to Alumni Relations at University Advancement. Annual summertime carillon recitals were

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REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY

Friday, November 11th, 2011
10:20am - 11:00am

Soldiers' Tower
University of Toronto

Reception follows in The Great Hall, Hart House



Senior Alumni Volunteer Opportunities

One of our objectives is “to provide opportunities for senior alumni to serve the University.” We hope you will try one of these opportunities. If you require further information, please contact Kathy Parks at the Senior Alumni Office: phone (416) 978-0544, or email us at senior.alumni@utoronto.ca

Brain Imaging Research

The Movement Disorder Unit at the Toronto Western Hospital is looking for healthy volunteers for brain imaging research. This study involves magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and positron emission tomography (PET). This research will help to advance understanding of cognitive impairment in Parkinson's disease. Eligible volunteers must be between 55 and 80 years old, have no history or indication of neurological or psychiatric illness, have no metal implants or a cardiac pacemaker and meet the results of a screening process. For more information, call 416-535-8501 (Ext.7395) or email to leigh.christopher2@gmail.com.

Centre for International Experience

The Centre for International Experience is looking for volunteers with good English conversation skills to help international students who are registered in their English Conversation Program. If you would enjoy helping the students practice and further develop their communication skills in English, gain insight into Canadian culture and life at the University of Toronto, and share their cross-cultural experiences, the next session is scheduled for January, 2012. For further information, contact Mary Vohryzek at (416) 966-8751 or at mwvohryzek@gmail.com

Academic Resource Centre

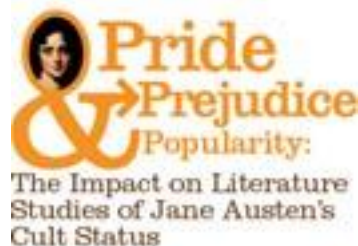
The Academic Resource Centre is looking for volunteers who value continuing connections with the University of Toronto to help in the reception area at the Centre so that it can be open for use from 9:00am to 5:00pm, five days a week (Monday to Friday). Volunteer responsibilities may include greeting visitors, answering questions, making coffee or tea and other related duties in support of the Centre. If you are interested, please contact Kathy Parks at the Senior Alumni Office at the above phone number and or email address: senior.alumni@utoronto.ca



Events

Woodsworth College Alumni Café

November 8, 2011, 2:00-4:00pm



Speaker: Theresa Moritz, Senior Lecturer, Woodsworth College

Dr. Theresa Moritz is a Jane Austen expert and teaches literature and critical reading and writing skills.

Location: William Waters Lounge, Woodsworth College Residence, 321 Bloor St. West
Light refreshments served.

Cost: \$10 Woodsworth Alumni, \$12 Guests

Registration:

<http://www.alumni.utoronto.ca/woodsworth>

Email: events.woodsworth@utoronto.ca

Phone: 416-978-5301

November 15, 2011 6:30-8pm



(Or, everything you always wanted to know about matter and anti matter!)

Speaker: William Trischuk, Professor, Department of Physics, University of Toronto and Director of the Institute of Particle Physics

Location: Waters Lounge, Woodsworth College Residence, 321 Bloor Street West
Light refreshments served.

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President's Corner



Summer has come and gone and I have to admit that I felt a little like Goldilocks. Some of it was too hot, some of it was too rainy, but some of it was just right. We have all enjoyed the beautiful fall season with crisp cool days, brilliantly coloured leaves and bright sunshine.

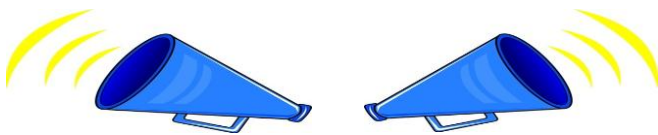
As autumn fades our thoughts turn to Remembrance Day. Did you know that a group of volunteers from the SAA works at Soldiers' Tower? This part of Hart House was built in 1924 to honour those in the university community who have served our country so selflessly in war. We are all invited to come to Soldiers' Tower for a service of remembrance on November 11th.

Our lecture series is going well. Close to 300 people are attending either the Monday or the Wednesday sessions. Plans are already underway for our winter series, which will begin in the new year in the OISE auditorium.

Your executive has been working diligently with the administration of the university to find a solution to the issues of limited classroom space that is available to us for our lectures, and the high rental fees for available space on campus. These issues must be resolved before we can commit to planning for the Spring Series of 2012.

In the meantime I hope to see you at one of this fall's lectures.

Gerry Devlin, President



Senior Alumni Award Winners

Congratulations to Woodsworth College students **Hester Bernard, Lucia LeGuen** and **Donna Ramsaroop** who won the Senior Alumni Association Award for senior students.

Athletic Centre for Seniors



You may think of the Athletic Centre as a place only for young students to work out and get fit—but you would be wrong!

The Athletic Centre has a number programs for seniors—'on land' and in the water. Aquafit range-of-motion classes, which are easy on the joints and enhance cardio and endurance, are available to seniors 'on land' classes include fitness routines to music—classes with cardio, stretch, strength and balance components. Some classes have chairs available and exercises are designed around the sitting position, especially for those who have difficulty getting down on and up from the floor. Basic yoga classes are available in which you can go at your own pace and ease. These 'drop-in' classes are included in the price of membership.

General fitness facilities include the running track in the just-renovated Field House, cardio machines (recumbent and upright bikes, cross-trainers, elliptical machines, treadmills and even hand-cycle ergometers for those in wheelchairs), free weights weighing from two to one hundred pounds, and the usual range of fitness equipment.

Qualified personal trainers, mostly graduates or upper year students of the UofT Faculty of Physical Education and Health, are experienced in helping all ages get fit. Costs are extra for a personal trainer (in the range of \$55.00/hour plus HST), but initially are probably well worth the expense for seniors. The per-hour rate for a session is reduced depending on the number of sessions booked. You can also arrange for a double training session - that is, share an hour session with a friend which costs roughly \$40.00 (plus HST) for each of you. As well, exercising with a friend encourages you to keep at it! Rates also vary for assessments, nutrition counseling, etc.

The locker and change rooms for men and women were renovated in the late 90s and both rooms lead directly out to the Olympic-sized pool. Some of the changing stalls and shower stalls are enclosed for privacy and there is an accessible shower stall with grip bar and telephone shower head.

Membership costs for those 65-79 are \$392.00 per year paid in one installment, \$36.50 for 12 monthly installments, \$150.00 for 4 months or \$73.00 per individual month. For those over 80, a special rate of \$288.00 per year or \$26.00 for 12 monthly installments applies (all plus HST).

For information on membership, prices, and programs, call 416-978-3436 [press 0] or visit the Athletic Centre website at www.physical.utoronto.ca.

Twelfth Night a Hit!



What a joy it was to watch *Twelfth Night* on September 14th in the Festival Theatre at Stratford. After a smooth ride on Mary Morton's coach, we enjoyed a delicious lunch at the Waterlot Restaurant in New Hamburg on a pleasant late summer afternoon. Then, on to Stratford.

It's hard to narrow down the parts of the production I enjoyed most. Director Des McNuff put together a talented cast, the designer Debra Hanson created a cross-centuries delight of costumes, props and setting, and the music was beautifully integrated into the script. I know I'm watching an excellent production when it looks like the cast is having a wonderful time playing the characters, and passes on that enjoyment to the audience.

Brian Dennehy was perfectly bawdy as Sir Toby Belch, manipulating as fast as he could to achieve his goals, and Stephen Ouimette was entertaining as his companion and unwitting tool, Sir Andrew Aguecheek. Some hilarious action took place in the scene which had them playing golf—a bit of anachronism played for maximum laughs. Feste, the jester, played by Ben Carlson was instrumental (oops!) in playing and singing and leading the onstage music as well as showing the intelligence of one of Shakespeare's best fools. I particularly enjoyed Tom Rooney's playing of Malvolio, Olivia's steward. The character is the most serious in the play, grim and officious, but he is badly hurt by the tricks played on him. His final line: "I'll be revenged on the whole pack of you!" made me wish that Shakespeare had written a sequel focusing on Malvolio. The rest of the characters, Viola who believes her twin brother has drowned and takes male guise, Orsino the Duke of Illyria, Sebastian—Viola's twin, and Olivia the Countess, were all played well by their portrayals: Andrea Runge, Mike Shara, Trent Pardy, and Sara Topham respectively.

The action moved smoothly from scene to scene, the necessary props and furniture moved on and off by the cast themselves. Unexpected touches, like the tennis match and golf game, were delightful.

I'll be creating a questionnaire to be handed out in the lectures to give some choices and ask for ideas for next year's trip. Please return them to the person who handed them out, or mail them to the office Attention: Maureen Somerville at Senior Alumni Association at 21 King's College Circle, Toronto ON M5S 3J3.

Maureen Somerville, Event Chair



2011 Fall Lecture Series

It's that time of the year again—yes, our 2011 Fall Lecture Series is now underway.

THE MONDAY GROUP

Mondays, 1:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Topics in this session include:

- *War of 1812*
- *The Don Juan Myth in Opera*
- *The Hardest Math I Have Ever Really Used: Addition, Multiplication, Subtraction and Other Nongory Formulas*
- *Canada's Rocks: 4 Billion Years of Geological History*
- *Recent Challenges Under the Charter of Rights*
- *Architecture as a Compelling Fiction*
- *Sex and Death: Global Health Research at University of Toronto*

THE WEDNESDAY GROUP

Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon

Topics in this session include:

- *Glenn Gould: Canadian Artist and Icon*
- *Capitalizing on All Our Human Capital*
- *Trudeau, the Last Great Liberal?*
- *Treatment of Voice Disorders*
- *Catherine The Great, the Hermitage and The Enlightenment*
- *Immigration: Arrival of the Fittest*
- *The Art of Directing*

We hope you are enjoying the fall lecture series. There has already been positive feedback on some excellent speakers and topics even this early in the series.

2012 Winter Lecture Series

Although details are still being worked out, we can confirm that our Winter Series will take place as it has in the past two years at the OISE Auditorium on Tuesdays for five weeks during February and the beginning of March. So those of you who are not snowbirds, do plan to sign up and join us. Registration forms with more information on speakers and topics, dates and times, will be distributed at the fall lecture series before the end of November.

We look forward to seeing you!

New Senior Alumni Executive



Wolf Von Kalben is in his second year as a member-at-large on the Senior Alumni Executive, and brings an exuberant spirit to our Board. Wolf was originally recruited by the late John Corkill when the two met while volunteering at the Engineering mailings.

Wolf received his Bachelor of Education degree in 1978, after receiving his B.A. at Wilfred Laurier (then known as Waterloo Lutheran). Wolf's career has been in teaching technical subjects such as woodworking and computers at the grade school and high school levels. He is only semi-retired and still is on call to teach with the York Region School Board and the Toronto District School Board (adult education). He finds semi-retirement the best of two worlds! Although born in Germany, Wolf came to Canada when he was six years old and has been raised in the Toronto area. Wolf has been married to his wife, Jackie, for 43 years and they have two sons. The oldest, Mark, is with the Canadian Armed Forces and is due back from his third tour of duty in Afghanistan in February. Two earlier missions were in Bosnia and Croatia, and he also represented Canada at Government House in the Queen's Honours Guard. The youngest, Paul, is in marketing and has delighted Wolf and Jackie with two grandsons.

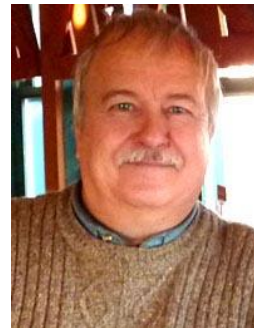
As for hobbies (though he hates the word "hobby"), Wolf is an avid sailor with the Whitby Yacht Club, a motorcycle enthusiast and an intrepid musician, playing organ and guitar. In his other volunteer activity on campus, Wolf has volunteered at Reunion, on the OISE alumni executive and at the Sociology Department. Off campus, he has been active on his Yacht club committees, is past-president of Navy League of Canada Scarborough Branch and is also a freemason with the Markham Masonic Order.



Jean Orpwood is our newest member of the Executive, bringing an acerbic wit, a no nonsense attitude and a dedication to volunteering to our group. Yet she is no stranger to the SAA or its members. Those of you who attend our Canadian Perspective Lecture Series will be familiar with Jean, since she has attended all our lecture series for years. Jean was recruited to the

Board by Kristine Thompson, Chair of the C.P. Lectures and Wendy Talfourd-Jones, Vice-President. When asked why she joined the Executive, Jean replied, with that aforementioned acerbic wit, that she didn't know she was being recruited! – but honestly, she enjoys volunteering and likes helping volunteer organizations. Jean serves as co-chair of the Monday afternoon sessions of our Canadian Perspectives Lectures Series.

Jean started at St. Michael's College, but got her B.A. in Economics and Political Science from Woodsworth College in 1962, and received her Masters of Library Science in 1971 from the then Faculty of Library Science. Just out of high school, Jean began her career by joining a newspaper syndicate and then moved on to public relations at Imperial Oil. Her first library position was also at Imperial Oil followed by the Etobicoke Public Library, the Legislative Library, the Toronto Public Library and then the North York Library system where she retired as Director/Chief Librarian. Jean's interests (she says she doesn't have hobbies) are in opera, movies, theatre, traveling and attending lectures. In fact, she admits she is addicted to lectures, as well as books and reading. She also has a fascination for politics and always helps out on her chosen candidate's campaign. Born and raised in Toronto, Jean is also kept busy with a large family and a multitude of nieces and nephews. Off campus, she has volunteered with the Library's Adult Literacy Program, and as mentioned earlier, enjoys volunteering in political campaigns.



Ihor Prociuk is in his first year with the SAA Executive and serves as co-editor of the SAA newsletter and is the chair of the SAA's Volunteer Tour Guides at Robarts Library. He was recruited by Wolf von Kalben and Wendy Talfourd-Jones and brings a much needed expertise in computers to the SAA as well as a deep knowledge of the university.

After completing undergraduate studies at Laurentian, Ihor received his Masters in Astronomy in 1977 (New College). His career was at U of T and was based broadly in computer support. In the days of mainframes, Ihor was involved in computer programming support for faculty, students and staff as well as for some external private sector clients. With the introduction of personal computers, Ihor moved into supporting software and did a lot of writing and teaching of introductory courses in PC software. He got into the networking side when faculties and department wanted their own local networks set up. With the creation of the Information Commons in Robarts, Ihor was involved more with support of students computing, and retired while managing the Licensed Software Office and the Digital Studio in Robarts.

Born in Germany of Ukrainian parentage, Ihor came to Canada when he was a year-and-a-half and grew up in Sudbury. His 26 year old daughter is currently in her second year of a PhD in Archaeology at the University of Texas, Austin. His hobbies and interests are Astronomy, photography and computers and he enjoys theatre and the occasional live game of baseball or hockey.

On campus, he also volunteers with Sigma Xi, a scientific society whose aim is to promote science to the general public, Off campus Ihor sits on the Certification Committee of the Human Resources Professional Association.

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held on campus, but were eventually suspended due to funding issues. As well, after 70 years, the carillon itself was also in need of repairs, and a new mechanized playing bench was necessary for the carillon clavier. Fortunately in 2007, **The McLean Foundation**, which was already a major supporter of the university, gave a substantial donation to provide for three years of summer carillon recitals and a new mechanical playing bench. Happily, the funds for the Carillon recitals, which began in the summer of 2008, have been able to stretch for a fourth year into 2011, and have enabled a carilloners-in-training program. Recently, in the spring of 2011, two more generous donations from the daughter, **Laurie (Rae) St. Clair Bridgman**, and the widow, **Mrs. Lois Anderson**, of the late **Dr. David V. Anderson** (a long-time member of and one-time Chair of the Soldiers' Tower Committee) were made in his memory to not only support the training program but to repair the carillon training instrument.

In addition, the university has garnered the support of the Dominion Carillonneur in Ottawa (at the Peace Tower), **Dr. Andrea McCrady**. She took interest in the university's carilloners-in-training and the summer recital series. Her department arranged for a Canadian carillon recital circuit of Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto, with distinguished, internationally famous guest artist carilloners representing some of the oldest carillon schools in Europe. Her office assists the recitals by making the bookings and arranging and paying for the guest artists' travel. The Dominion Carillonneur feels it is important to heighten the awareness of the carillon instrument and its performers, and since there is a shortage of qualified Canadian carilloners, Dr. McCrady encourages the development of young Canadian players, a goal which her supervisor at the House of Commons supports. At the University we



Carillon Bells at the 4th Level

are fortunate to have two qualified carilloners and two student carilloners-in-training. **Michael Hart** plays the bells at UofT convocations and has played at Remembrance Day services and recitals. He studied with James B. Slater at Toronto's Metropolitan United Church and with Gordon Slater, who was Dominion Carillonneur at the Peace Tower, Carillon at the Houses of Parliament (1977-2008). **Roy Lee**, a graduate of Yale and of UofT's Faculty of Law, now works for the Department of Justice in Toronto. With a musical background in piano and organ, he began to play the carillon as a freshman at Yale. He performs regularly on the Soldiers' Tower carillon, the Metropolitan United Church carillon and at our summertime concerts. In 2009 he approached Kathy Parks, Administrator, Alumni Committees, with a proposal to set up a training program for student carilloners. Two of his students have attained proficiency to be able to play in the summer recital series and will be playing at UofT's Remembrance Day Services on Friday, November 11th. **Clara Rozee** has an Association of London College of Music Diploma in piano performance and is currently a fourth year English and Art History student at UofT. **Minako Uchino** is studying medical education at UofT and is serving as a radiation oncology clinical fellow at Princess Margaret Hospital. She began music study at age four and has played organ and percussion. Both began their studies on the carillon with Roy Lee in the fall of 2009.

We encourage you to come to the Remembrance Day Services being held at Soldiers' Tower on Friday, November 11th, 2011. There is a reception after the ceremony in the Great Hall of Hart House. Group tours of the Carillon Room (a climb of 112 steps) can be arranged by calling Kathy Parks at (416) 978-0544.

Wendy Talfourd-Jones (with help from Kathy Parks)

WANTED: Assistant Treasurer – The Senior Alumni is looking for a retired or semi-retired senior to join the Executive as Assistant Treasurer. We are looking for someone with basic accounting skills who is able to assist the Treasurer with simple bookkeeping, banking functions and the preparation of simple financial statements. The Treasurer maintains accounting records (simple cash book), pays bills (by written cheque) against submitted invoices, and prepares financial statements for the ten monthly Executive meetings and the annual year end statements for audit which are presented at the SAA's Annual Meeting in May. If you are interested in joining us and wish more information, please call Kathy Parks at the SAA Office at 416-978-0544 or email at senior.alumni@utoronto.ca and our Treasurer will get in touch with you.

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