

Beausejour alumni donate to school, community

Beausejour grads had a 50-year high school reunion this summer where alumni reunited, broke bread and donated funds to their school and community.

From Aug. 25-27, the Beausejour Senior School Classes of 1973 and 1974 held a reunion with various activities throughout the weekend. Approximately 110 people attended and took in a Friday night mix and mingle along with golf at Rivers Edge and dinner at Great Woods Saturday. Sunday wrapped up with the Shades of the Past Show and Shine, a viewing of the photo history wall at DC Accounting, the Beau-Head Arts Fest and a final farewell at Train Whistle Park. The former students also

had the chance to visit École Edward Schreyer School (ESS) and tour the halls of their alma mater. Beausejour Senior School was renamed in 1979 to recognize the accomplishments of the former Brokenhead resident who went on to be Premier of Manitoba and Governor General of Canada.

The reunion classmates also made several donations including \$350 and 165 pounds of non-perishable food items to the Beausejour Food Bank and a \$200 donation to Beausejour Active Transportation for a commemorative brick at Train Whistle Park back in October.

With ESS raising funds to replace the school gymnasium score clock, the

reunion committee made a \$2,444.56 donation towards the purchase of a new scoreboard in November. The funds were proceeds from the reunion.

Reunion Committee member Janet Hill said the group agreed that any surplus funds should remain in the community and be

utilised in a way that would ensure the widest and most meaningful impact. They also wanted the youth to benefit in some way.

"We heard about the ESS Gym Fund for a new score clock and thought our school experience is what brought us all together on reunion weekend, so

why not give back to the school," Hill said. "That school contribution plus the donation to the Food Bank and the Beausejour Active Transportation sponsorship seemed the right way to give back."

"We are extremely thankful that the grads of 73 and 74 chose to support our

fundraising efforts," said ESS vice principal Jaymi Witke. "I do think the best part, however, was the time they spent chatting with our student athletes about what an impact sports had made on their lives. The gym truly is a place where so many of our students make those lasting memories."



Photo submitted

Nancy Sanders (left), Andrea Rumak Moore, Carolyn Robbie-Craig, Tom Oliver, Janet Stepaniuk Hill, Keltie Leeson, Theresa Hnatiuk Hunter, Ethan Zirk, Mylee Holomay and Raina Wollmann during the ESS score clock donation last month.

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