

# FAIRBRIDGE GAZETTE

Newsletter of the Fairbridge Canada Association



1) Julie Lavis daughter of Fairbridgian Child Migrant, Patrick Webb, November 1937; 2) Roddy Mackay, Fairbridgian Child Migrant, November 1941; 3) Betty Mackay - wife of R Mackay; 4) Pam (aka Olive Morrison) Brown, Fairbridgian Child Migrant, September 1935; 5) Margaret Humphreys, Child Migrants Trust; 6) Patricia Skidmore, daughter of Fairbridgian Child Migrant Marjorie Skidmore (nee Arnison, #21 in photo); 7) Edythe Field, wife of 8) Phil Field, Fairbridgian Child Migrant, September 1941; 9) Mimi Nichols (aka Mary Schofield - former Fairbridge Day School Teacher) 10) Ray Field - brother to Fairbridgian Child Migrants, Phil, Eugene, Leon and Louis - came out on his own later on; 11) Sylvia wife of Ray Field; 12) Virginia Feldman, wife of Hugh Taylor; 13) Hugh Taylor, Fairbridgian Child Migrant, November 1941, (Hugh spent 5 years at Middlemore Homes - 3 sisters and a brother came out in November 1936); 14) Tom Blackmore, Fairbridgian Child Migrant, July 1945; 15) Gayle Bennett, wife of 16) Jock (John) Bennett, Fairbridgian Child Migrant, May 1940; 17) Doreen Hagen wife of Barry Hagen (aka Sutton) Fairbridgian Child Migrant, May 1947; 18) Fred Harding, Fairbridgian Child Migrant, November 1938; 19) Sheila (aka Doreen Henrickson) Sandwith, Fairbridgian Child Migrant, November 1936; 20) Susan Doyle, daughter of Fairbridgian Child Migrant, Audrey (Arnison) Lewis # 22 in photo; 21) Marjorie Skidmore (nee Arnison) Fairbridgian Child Migrant, September 1937; 22) Audrey (aka Bunny) Arnison Duncan, Lewis, Fairbridgian Child Migrant, August 1938; 23) John Hardy, Fairbridgian Child Migrant, May 1947; 24) Mary Hardy wife of John Hardy; 25) Peter Timbrell, Fairbridgian Child Migrant, May 1947; 26) Jeanine Emmerson, wife of 27) William Emmerson, Fairbridgian Child Migrant, September 1938; 28) Jean Conlon (nee Hanson) Fairbridgian Child Migrant, May 1948; 29) Jean Lisle, wife of 30) Tom Lisle Fairbridgian Child Migrant, May 1947; 31) Ron Smith, Fairbridge Chapel Heritage Society.

## Fairbridge Canada Association Reunion

September 2013

Group Photo

*Taken in front of the Fairbridge Chapel*

# Christmas 2013

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**Britain's Family Restoration Fund**

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FCA Reunion 2013, l to r. Kerry (Langtry) Frazer, John Hardy, & his sisters, Myrtle Snowsell & Mollie Jesperson.  
*Photo by Betty Mackay*



Right: Ray Field piped the reunion attendees into the Fairbridge Chapel for the brief service held during the Fairbridge Strata Tea—the service was held in part, to remember those Fairbridgians who have passed.  
*Photo by Pat Skidmore*

**Fairbridge Canada Association Membership**  
**Fees are due in January each year—\$30.00 year**  
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and with this Gazette

See page 8-9 for where to  
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## Roddy Mackay: FCA President

To all my Fairbridge brothers and sisters allow me to wish each of you the very happiest and a healthy Christmas Season. I hope all of you will be with family and loved ones for Christmas.

Yes, on occasion I have spoken of a few unpleasant memories of the school, however some personal memories of Christmas at Fairbridge remain dear to my heart. I still remember one Christmas morning, gazing across the playing fields from the dorm window of *S* or was it *R* cottage? The view of the snow covered fields was beautiful; it was a wonderful *forest Christmas scene*. The huge evergreen trees were draped with mounds of snow. Quite often I could see deer grazing at the edge of the forest. I have yet to see a Christmas card that matched the beauty of that scene. A few weeks prior to the Christmas season we had the fun and challenge of selecting our presents from the catalog - it had to be under a dollar! Today's kids would think we were completely mad to cite that as a happy memory. I know, having tried to explain this to my own children.

Though our numbers were a wee bit smaller for the 2013 FCA reunion, all who attended (that I spoke to and heard from) thought it was a great and enjoyable reunion. Our theme was, "We are Family," and I think most, if not all felt that way over those two days. As President I extend many well deserved 'Kudos' to the 2013 Reunion Committee, John Hardy, Jean Conlon, who was assisted by Doreen Hagen, Pat, Skidmore and last in no way least, a special thanks go to my gracious wife Betty, who, with limited time and resources, whipped together some very tasty food platters for the Meet & Greet gathering. The banquet meal was excellent and the programme was very interesting and enjoyable. Our special guest 'speakers' were Margaret Humphreys, director of the Child Migrant Trust and her colleague, Ian Thwaites. During the evening Margaret and Ian took the time to speak and meet with many of our members.

The photos in the Gazette, taken by Pat, bear testimony to an enjoyable and successful reunion.

Please stay healthy and try hard not to miss the next one. Father Time is catching up with all of us so let's try to enjoy the dawning of each day.

Take care all, a very Merry Christmas and sing a hearty "Auld Lang Syne," for the New Year *Roddy*

## These Are the Ties That Bind

by *John Hardy*

The reunions keep getting better and better, and this last one in September was absolutely great.

Once again we had the music from Ray Phillips' band, and ever since Ray joined us, our reunions have become a lively and entertaining time.

We had the Strata Tea Party out at Fairbridge, and many of you had the opportunity to visit your old homes. Our thanks to the Strata Society for greeting us with a lovely afternoon. People also got the chance to revisit the Chapel and see the work of Ron Smith and the Chapel Heritage Society.

You can read about the work Ron Smith and the Chapel Society have done on page 8-9 in this Gazette.

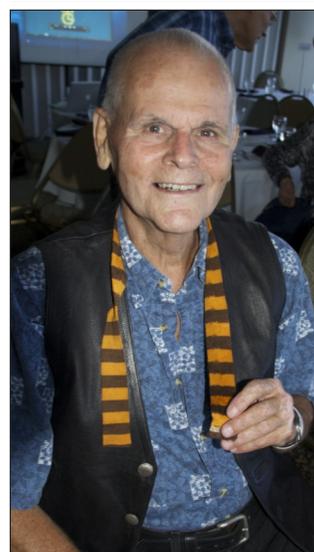
And, here displayed, Pete Timbrell's tie. Pete has kept his Fairbridge tie all these years. This was one of the highlights at the reunion.

But most important, is to note the ties that bind us together. We heard at the reunion the word "*family*" over and over. For many Fairbridge kids, living in dorms, brothers and sisters separated to different cottages, parents, uncles and aunts a long way away, this was the only family we knew, that is, until we started our own.

That's why reunions are important: you get a chance to be with *family*.

For those of you who had registered but were hit by illness and had to miss the reunion, we extend our deep regrets. Maybe next time?

And for those of you who have been wondering if you should attend, what's in it for you, come out and *meet the family, enjoy the music, and remember the ties that bind.*



*Pete Timbrell with his Fairbridge Tie—Reunion 2013*  
Photo by Pat Skidmore



### **Christmas Greetings to all and all the best for the coming year.**

The FCA Reunion Committee organized a very successful reunion this past September. Afterwards, it was the consensus of the board members to switch to an Annual Reunion. It will go back to being held on a weekend. The date & site will be announced in Spring 2014 Gazette and we will be posting information on-line on the Fairbridge Canada

Association website as it becomes available: (<http://www.fairbridgecanada.com/>) so check for updates and details and reunion committee contact information.

Note: I occasionally refer to articles on-line, if you do not have access to a computer, these articles can be found by going on the computers at your local library, or contact me and I can print off a copy and mail it to you.

*PS: please note my change of address and email—see page 2 for details.*

### **Correspondence Highlights: Aug – Nov 2013**

Gill Wood, London Fairbridge contact, re the Gazette and David Veitch's story re his mother Nellie Falcus.

Chinami Hancock re thanks for the Gazette.

Ken Armstrong re the Gazette: "Nice to see my photos popping up once in a while. I think I was the only kid who had a camera, it was bought for me by Mrs. Harwood it was a very inexpensive metal one I think it cost \$2 along with supplies to develop and print my own photos which I still have in an album which was a Christmas present from Fairbridge, it cost 98 cents, can you imagine giving a kid a 98 cent present these days?"

Brother of a Rhodesian Fairbridge boy looking for anyone who knew his brother – I put him in touch with the Rhodesian group.

Hugh Taylor re Clifford Cooper & the request for info from his family members. Hugh shared some photos.

Bill Stoker- updated his email address and let me know he had difficulty with opening the Gazette on the web.

Mrs. Wendy Reimer looking for information on her grandmother who was at Fairbridge for a time in 1945 with her husband John Mann – who was employed at the farm.

Tom Lisle: a piece on the history of the FCA Reunions: **REUNION HISTORY:** For a number of years, I have routinely thrown Fairbridge stuff in a filing cabinet and, as I closed the drawer, acknowledged the requirement to eventually organize it. Well, it is a mess but I have started. I spent a number of years in the 1980's and 1990's working on the Alumni lists and, looking at the early files at about the same time as the 2013 reunion, got me thinking about the heady times 30 years ago when close to 200 Fairbridgians attended the Fairbridge reunion. Look for Tom's full article in the 2014 Spring Gazette.

Peter Gould—the Rhodesian Fairbridgians are planning a reunion in Christchurch, New Zealand, May 2014.

Roddy Mackay sent a copy of the letter he received from Margaret Humphreys, Child Migrants Trust, thanking

the FCA committee for the warm welcome she and Ian Thwaites received during the September FCA Reunion.

### **November 11, 2013**

**Wreath to honour British Home Children:** for the first time, the war service of the British Home Children was honoured on



Remembrance Day with a wreath laid at the National War Memorial in Ottawa. <http://www.winnipegfreepress.com/special/lestweforget/Wreath-to-honour-British-Home-Children-231364951.html>

Mimi Nichols (Miss Schofield) wrote telling us that she had a 'grand time' at the reunion. She also sent the sad news of Kay Davies (nee Duffy) passing.

Ron Smith sent along this article about Halloween at the Fairbridge Farm School 1947:

## **Fairbridge gets into the spirit of the season**

**Dateline 1947:** Halloween celebrated with gusto

**Ann Andersen**  
News Leader Pictorial

*Cowichan News Leader, November 1, 2013*

**D**uring recent research on Fairbridge, the former Prince of Wales farm school between Duncan and Cowichan Station, my eyes were tugged to a Halloween party there in 1947.

Reports said Strathcona Cottage's charade, directed by Miss M. K. Broadhurst and with Charlie Cousins playing St. George, should go down in farm history. "It was a veritable triumph of ingenuity," nodded *The Leader*. After competitions like bobbing for apples, dodging the ball, the stage was set for blindfold boxing where the program featured a bout between Jack McFarlane and George Koenders. Then came the parade.

"How the judges, Mrs. A. H. Plows and Mrs. Livingstone, managed to make decisions (on prizes for costumes) is beyond our imagination since a great percentage of the children, let alone the staff, were unrecognizable," the *Leader* mused.

Winners included Donna Ritchie, dressed as a Halloween witch; Mary Tribe, Miss Australia; Arthur McGee and Jeff Bulcock, hillbillies; Pauline Cooper, fat lady; Catherine Eager, drum majorette; Gerald Hunter, Indian brave; Leon Field, Sherlock Holmes; Pat Phillips, milkmaid; staff, Mrs. M. Tribe, Aunt Jemima; and the Rev. T. L. Hipp, Robinson Crusoe.

# whatever happened to: the KIDS of FAIRBRIDGE farm



STORY by Ann Anderson  
HERITAGE PHOTOS courtesy Cowichan Valley Museum and Archive



## remembering when britain shipped its impoverished children to a ready-made community in cowichan station

Vintage Fairbridge Photos—clockwise: Fairbridge students work in the classroom of the day school in 1937. Principal Arthur Plows stands by the blackboard; a group of students at Fairbridge start for their morning work session in 1938; swimming in the Koksilah River, a group at a Tea Party in London before leaving for Canada.



Roddy Mackay & John Hardy  
Taken at the Fairbridge Canada Association  
September 2013 Reunion at the  
Fairbridge Strata Tea  
Photo by Andrew Leong



Check on-line for the full article: Cowichan News Leader Pictorial, Oct. 26, 2013 <http://www.cowichannewsleader.com/news/228981681.html>

A profound sense of otherworldliness permeates the still morning air at Fairbridge, a neighbourhood of some three-dozen buildings lolling amid pastoral beauty two miles south of Duncan... Perhaps it's the early mist's fingertips gliding among English oaks, hazelnuts, tulip trees or Port Orford cedars that line the country road; or shadows clinging to the windows of converted cottages.

Maybe it's the two exquisite angels carved from local maple by Shawnigan's George Gibson 75 years ago kneeling atop the rood screen in the community's beautiful chapel; or the chapel's clock and bell, among the oldest existing in Canada, built in Britain in 1875.

Ron Smith, secretary-treasurer of Fairbridge Chapel Heritage Society and a former CVRD director of planning and an early owner of a home in this secluded, well-heeled community that was once the Prince of Wales Fairbridge Farm School (has) watched its development from the beginning.

... there's a distinct feeling of unique history here: between 1935 and 1950 or so, 329 youngsters passed through a sometimes callous experiment of child migration from mostly industrial, impoverished Britain to learning and hard work on the 416-hectare farm near Cowichan Station. Another 120,000 had scattered since 1830 to other parts of Canada & to similar schools in Australia & Rhodesia.

They lived in cottages with names like St. George's, Queen Mary, Hill and Richards that still line the shadowed drive; they ate in a communal dining room, studied in a school on site; attended Sunday services in the 300-seat Anglican chapel; and visited the

farm's hospital when sick.

The boys learned to farm. The girls followed domestic pursuits and responsibilities.

Some flourished at the school whose crest of oak leaves surrounding a beaver and Latin motto *Industria et Veritate* goaded them to work hard and always tell the truth.

Some did not.

"Most people had a decent time, however many of us did not," says Roddy Mackay, 79, a Fairbridge student between 1941 and 1951 and now president of FCA, former students who gathered last month in the Cowichan Valley for their biennial reunion.



### Some flourished at the school ...Some did not.

After what he calls an abandonment in Edinburgh, Scotland, the seven-year-old was sent with other child migrants to the farm managed on the principles

founded by South African philanthropist Kingsley Fairbridge in the early 1900s.

"My first five years of Fairbridge were the worst. It depended on which cottage you were in, and it went beyond strictness," says the Monterey, CA resident who often ran away from the bullies and two of his cottage mothers. He did have one special memory and that was swimming in the sparkling waters of the Koksilah River.

Long-time buddy John Hardy, also 79 and former FCA president, arrived in 1947 from Britain's industrial north.

"My mother had a hard time giving me up, but she knew there was no future for me in Newcastle," says the Cowichan Bay resident.

### Fairbridge is a unique place with a unique history.

"Fairbridge is a unique place with a unique history," he muses. "It deserves to be seen."

# 2013 FCA Reunion Recap

## The Meet and Greet



Amrison Sisters, Marjorie & Bunny    Jock Bennett    May (Bean) Goldie & Pippa Price    Roy Myhill, Roddy & Betty Mackay



Mary Foster, Virginia and Hugh Taylor, Eric Foster, Fred and Jeff Bulcock    Ray & Sylvia Field with John Hardy



May (Bean) Goldie and Gayle Bennett



Tea Time with Margaret Humphreys (back row, blue jacket)



Marjorie Skidmore, Pam Brown, Sheila Sandwith & Audrey Lewis share memories in the *Pennant Cottage's* kitchen.



Marjorie Skidmore at the window of her old dorm in the *Pennant Cottage*



Pam Brown and Tich Harding looking at photos

### The Banquet:

Food, drink, entertainment, dancing & visiting with each other & our special guests  
Margaret Humphreys and Ian Thwaites from the Child Migrants Trust



CMT's Margaret Humphreys

and Ian Thwaites

showed the film 'Lost Children of the Empire'



The Bennetts and the Fosters



Margaret Humphreys received a framed picture of the Fairbridge Chapel—presented by Roddy Mackay



5 from the 1941 group: Eric Foster, Hugh Taylor, May Goldie, Roddy Mackay, Roy Myhill



Hugh Taylor and Eric Foster



Ian Thwaites and Bill Emmerson



Ray Phillips brought the band, Myra Rogers, Gary Rogers & Dan MacMillan



Roddy Mackay, Jean Conlon & John Hardy singing a Fairbridge version of "When I was a Lad."

Reunion photos by Pat Skidmore



## *Fairbridgians who passed away*

**Kay Davies (nee Duffy)** passed away September 30, 2013. Kay (Katherine) arrived at the Prince of Wales Fairbridge Farm School on October 22, 1936, with sisters Agnes, Ellen and Mary and brother Joseph.

The Fairbridge Canada Association sends its condolences to the family.



## *The Fairbridge Chapel News: Highlights from the Fall 2013*

**Ron Smith**

Up until September it has been a quiet year around the Chapel Heritage site. One wedding was held on June 1<sup>st</sup> and there have been a number of other visitors from time to time.

This past summer was one of the driest on record with next to no rain from the end of June until the beginning of September. Because of this we only sparingly used water to keep the grounds looking nice so the grass is a little on the brown side at the moment.

The **Annual General Meeting** was held on June 16<sup>th</sup> at which time a number of things were on the agenda.

The possible installation of a **Columbarium** within the chapel was discussed.

The installation of two new **scrolls** in the chapel was also discussed with the secretary presenting a memorandum that outlined the request from Fairbridge Canada Association President, Roddy Mackay. One would have the complete list of all children who came to the farm school from 1935 to 1948 and possibly located in the entrance foyer while a second scroll would list all former students who served in either the armed forces or merchant marines *after* World War II.

The **Cowichan Valley Historic Schools Heritage Society** brochure was distributed and it was indicated they may wish to have a plaque located at one or more sites where there were schools located in the Fairbridge area.

The possible submission to the federal heritage ministry to have the Fairbridge area designated as a **National Historic Site** was discussed.

We would also like to mention that Ron Price, a long time resident of Fairbridge, is now one of our Board Directors. Over the years Ron has been very involved around the chapel helping with a great many projects.

The chapel web site is going to be updated shortly and there will be a new story about the carver of our two beautiful little angles at the rood screen. They were carved by George Selkirk Gibson of Shawnigan Lake in 1940. Mr Gibson was one of the best carvers in British Columbia and the story mentions some other places around the province that you can see his exquisite carvings and sculptures.

During the fall we are hoping to have some small brush area near the stairs to the basement and a hawthorn tree removed so some landscaping improvements can take place at the east end of the chapel. Also Libra Tree Service will be cleaning gutters at the top of the bell tower for us.

None of the Board Members volunteered to climb the 90 foot ladder to the top and do the work this year. In addition there will be some painting done around the windows frames (both levels) and some around the bell tower. If time permits we will also refurbish some of the other doors this year and, should the weather stay warm enough, we will also do some painting projects inside the chapel.

The Fairbridge Strata Corporation also provided us with some very valuable correspondence regarding the struggle to save the chapel during the mid 1980's. At that time the heritage site was owned by the Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD) which had condemned the chapel as not suitable to hold events such as weddings or even be used during the Fairbridge Canada Association reunions. It was almost a three year struggle to eventually have the building turned over to the Fairbridge Chapel Heritage Society. The Board was not aware of the support, meetings and letters between the strata and the CVRD. The letters will be added to our archives.

Finally, the Society would like to thank everyone who has so kindly assisted us with a financial donation. We really can't keep up with the maintenance let alone any improvements without your help.

Don't forget to go on our web site from time to time—  
[fairbridgechapel.com](http://fairbridgechapel.com)

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The annual *Fairbridge Carols*  
will be held at the chapel on  
Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>  
starting at 2:30.

We had five successful Bursary Applications for the 2013/2014 school year plus one bursary was given out in May to a Cowichan High School Student.

The 2013/2014 Bursary recipients are:

1. Thomas Dodsworth
2. Kelsey Kilbey
3. Colin McPhee
4. Kyle Pritchard
5. Tanner Sandstrom
6. Scot Houlihan, a Cowichan High School Student



*Fairbridge Alumni Bursary Society*  
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 John Hardy  
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*The following is from a 2013 Bursary Recipient:*

I wanted to thank you and the Alumni very much for the bursary it is much appreciated. It will really help me with the cost of my studies. I very much appreciate your interest and investment in my educational future, and will continue to work and study hard to achieve my academic goals. Thank you. Sincerely, Tanner Sandstrom.

*November 13, 2013: A donation to the Bursary Fund:*

*Supporting the Fairbridge Alumni Bursary in honour of Pam (nee Morrison) Brown's birthday is both an honour and a pleasure. Pam came from Fairbridge Farm to live with my family from 1945-48. From then until my mother died in 1996, she and Pam kept in touch. In re-connecting with Pam after many years, I came to realise my family's great good fortune in having her join us. To this day, she is an exemplary wife, mother and grandmother; deeply committed to her family and community, one who acts with warmth and integrity and represents the best that Fairbridge stood for. Madeleine Nelson*



*Photo courtesy of Ken Armstrong*

*Fairbridge Chapel News continued from page 8...*

Our mailing address is:

Fairbridge Chapel Heritage Society  
4791 Fairbridge Drive,  
Duncan, B.C. V9L 6N9

The Fairbridge Strata hosted a tea for the **Fairbridge Canada Association** reunion in September. This has been a tradition first started in 1983 thanks to Verna and Bill Benjamin who at the time owned the principals home. After the tea there was a short service held in the chapel to remember the members of FCA who are no longer with us.



The Cowichan Valley Historic Schools Heritage Society held their monthly meeting on September 16<sup>th</sup> at the heritage site and had a tour of the chapel. They may wish to put one of their school bell plaques at the schoolhouse next year and also do a short story about the school's history in their brochure.

*Ron Smith & Margaret Humphreys in the Fairbridge Chapel discussing the plaque listing those Fairbridgians who served in WW II*



The Fairbridge Canada Association Board is encouraging members to support the Fairbridge Chapel Society. For instance, you could consider the Chapel in your estate planning.



**Send Fairbridge Chapel DONATIONS to:**  
 Fairbridge Chapel Heritage Society  
 4791 Fairbridge Drive,  
 Duncan, BC V9L 6N9  
*Include a return address for your income tax receipt.*

# Fairbridge Gazette

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## Look for your

## Next Gazette: Spring 2014



*Before Sunday supper in their cottage. Prince of Wales Farm School.*

Does anyone recognize the three boys on this 1938 Fairbridge Society Annual Report?



The 1940s group—on their way to Australia via the Prince of Wales Fairbridge Farm School —can you pick out the 3 boys who decided to stay in Canada?

## A YEAR'S RECORD 1938

FAIRBRIDGE FARM SCHOOLS (INCORPORATED)  
SAVOY HOUSE, 115 STRAND, LONDON, W.C.2

### Reunion 2013 Strata Tea



L-R: Pete Timbrell, Ron Smith, Jean & Tom Lisle, Tom Blackmore

Do you have a story or a photo that you would like to share? How about a story about previous reunions or perhaps of *spring planting at the Fairbridge Farm School*? Send it in for the Spring Gazette.

The deadline for submission for the next issue is:

## February 15, 2014

### WANTED COLUMN

Are you looking for a long lost friend?  
Confirmation of a Fairbridge Memory?  
Send in your requests to our  
**WANTED COLUMN.**  
*We will do our best to help.*



Fairbridge Canada Association Membership Form  
2014 Membership Dues: \$30.00

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Fairbridge Canada Association 2014 Membership Form

Your FCA Membership entitles you to voting privileges at the  
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Look for September 2014 Reunion Details in the Spring 2014 Gazette.

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