

Dryden Newsletter

June 2010

Reunion NEXT July 2 & 3, 2011

Chairman's Message

Doug Gordon

It is with deep regret and some uncontrollable issues that we must delay the planned reunion for 2010 by one year. Plans for the 2010 reunion, as many of you may not be aware, require numerous people to help in organizing such a large event. We had hoped to create a family reunion that would top our most successful 2005 reunion to date. However, attempts to get good quality guest speakers and other activities arranged, did not materialize in time to commit to booking the venue and caterers. The board members have also been trying to update everyone's mailing address and acquiring as many email addresses as possible to save on mailing costs. If you receive this newsletter by email, please pass it on to all your family. Recently, I have had a fall with severe injuries and have been hospitalized for over 3 weeks and still have many more to go plus months of rehab.

I still remember the last 2005 reunion clearly as a huge success and "one of the best reunions ever held" as stated many times on the survey forms returned by the attendees. It will now be 177 years since the Dryden Family immigrated to Canada from Scotland when we celebrate with our 2011 festivities on July 2nd, and 3rd of next year. Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to share in a time of fellowship with your extended Dryden 'family'.

The Dryden committee / board members have met many times in the last 5 years discussing how well our family members enjoyed the two day event in 2005 and to plan for next years' expanded program. We have reviewed your suggestions and comments from the survey forms and are looking forward to another fantastic reunion at the Waterloo Police Association near Cambridge, Ontario. This is the perfect setting to host such a prestigious gathering (as we have done in many past years at this same convenient location). The hall will be booked, the catering staff waiting to serve, and the candles are being set for our theme – **"From Flicker to Flame"**. Our goal for 2011 is to help educate our young family members, to nurture their knowledge, and encourage them to carry the Dryden Family 'Flame' for years to come, just as the Olympic torch has been carried by athletes across this great nation.

At the time of this newsletter, we need more volunteers to assist us in the huge task of planning such a wonderful experience for the Dryden Families and guest speakers. More details will follow in future newsletters and updated information will be on our website. If you have any suggestions or wish to help us by joining the committee, being a guest speaker or helping out at the reunion, please drop us a note: chairman@denreunion.com

Please share this newsletter with family members who may not be on our list. For up-to-date information, visit our website...

www.drydenreunion.com

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Co-Chair: Dr. Bill Fraser & wife Margaret.



Important Addresses for Mailing

For enquires about the upcoming reunion, registration or other Dryden family information, please write to:

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With our mobile population, it is impossible to have the latest addresses of all our Dryden members, especially after a span of five years. A number may have been missed from our mailing list, for which we apologize. Would you please help us to update our records and provide us your email address to save on mailing costs of this important newsletter?

If you know of any member who has not received a copy of this Newsletter, would you please let them read your copy and/or tell them of the reunion date? The reunion, as mentioned in the Chairman's Message, is to be held at the same location as in 2005.

If you have some photos of past reunions and would like to share them with our family members, please forward them to Doug Gordon via email... chairman@drydenreunion.com along with a brief description. Also, please give us your written permission to use the photos without compensation for Dryden Reunion usage on the website or for any production/promotion programs.