

OCI'S 100TH – LATEST PROUD CHAPTER IN SCHOOL LEGACY

Wow, what a celebration! The 100th Anniversary is now not only history but it *made* history.

OCI 100th co-Chairs John Iaboni and Charles Marmoreo, along with the entire organizing committee want to thank the many thousands of Oakwoodites who made every phase of the program from May 1 to 4 an overwhelming success.

The OCI 100th organizing committee also extends its sincerest appreciation to Renata Gonsalves, Roberta Bergman, the staff and students at Oakwood for their superb support throughout the events. We couldn't have done it without you.

Music Night on Thursday, May 1 set the pattern with a glowing production involving Oakwoodites, past (Jully Black among them) and present.

Despite cold weather, the rain stayed away as more than 60 took to the links on Friday, May 2 and completed their round in the Golf Tournament.

Pub Night at the OCI gymnasium on Friday attracted more than 1,000 as the good times continued, and oh what a party it was! A crowd exceeding 1,000 returned to the school on Saturday, May 3 for the decade rooms and the official 100th ceremony in the auditorium, creating additional opportunities for Oakwoodites to re-connect.

The Gala Dinner on Saturday night at Presidente Banquet Hall was a first-class affair for more than 300, including 1929 grad Bruce MacLean who'd celebrated his 97th birthday the day before.

And the wrap-up on Sunday, May 4 with the cenotaph rededication at OCI was a time to honour the many Oakwoodites who had given their lives to protect our lives and freedoms. The singing of "O Canada" followed by the OCI School Song brought an official close to the celebration.

The OCI 100th events are over, but not the recollections they created. Thank you Oakwoodites who found the time to attend, but we're not through with you yet!

Here's your chance to tell us, in 100 words or fewer, what you'll remember about your participation at the OCI 100th and what you thought about our programs. You can also submit one photo (with caption) from any of the events. We'll post the best recaps and photos on this website (www.oakwoodalumni.ca) for all to see.

Email your thoughts to oakwoodalumni@rogers.com with the subject line of only <OCI>. Do it now because we want these memories to keep on coming – this is history worth repeating.