



University of Toronto

Med6T3 45th Reunion



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The events of the Med6T3 Reunion are over, but the Reunion activities will continue through the renewed and new friendships made during the four days in Kelowna. Everything went as well or even better than planned. There was time to reconnect, chat and form new friendships that were not formed during our days in medical school.

When sitting down to record the highlights I was stumped—everything was a highlight! The Arkindale reception on Tuesday was enjoyed by all. Barry Lavalley, the retirement facilitator, had advice and words of wisdom for every one of us on Wednesday, followed by the CME session. In the afternoon some played golf and some (who didn't get lost) hiked the Kettle Valley rail bed, part of the Trans Canada trail where 12 of the 18 wooden trestles built in the 1800s were burned in the 2003 Kelowna fire. They have all been rebuilt to their original form. The pre-banquet bubbly and hors d'oeuvres reception followed by the banquet, masterfully emceed by Jim Cullen and attended by the Mayor of Kelowna, rounded out a very satisfying day.

The Thursday morning boat tour and the wine tour in the afternoon provided additional time to mingle and experience some of the area surrounding Kelowna. Some people chose to go on both tours.

After the Friday windup and farewell breakfast, those who took the wrong road Wednesday did get to walk the Kettle Valley rail bed see the trestles and the tunnel carved out of granite 150 years ago with dynamite, hand tools and horses. Some of the group who stayed over had a successful morning birding on Saturday; Lynn was the first to spot the two baby great-horned owls hiding high up in a tree.

All agreed that the Reunion was an unqualified success, due to the efforts of many people. Certainly the Kelowna organizing committee (Barbara and Roger Ball, Karin and me) and the Toronto Committee played a major role, but the Reunion could not have happened without you and your partners who made the commitment to attend.

On behalf of the class of Med6T3, I wish to thank and acknowledge our sponsors: Scotiabank for sponsoring the retirement facilitator, Barry Lavalley; Bill McTavish of the national accountants; Grant Thornton for the banquet table wine; Wally Unger and Jack Dodick for the Wednesday breakfast; and Stan Cassin for the champagne and hors d'oeuvres pre-banquet reception.

In the next week or so I will provide an address where you can send your pictures, comments, stories and anecdotes of the 45th Med6T3 Reunion. The hundreds or thousands of pictures will be reviewed and sorted to be made into a CD, and some will be posted on the Med6T3 Reunion website. It will have to be someone who knows about Adobes, PDFs, GST jpegs and other incomprehensible files that Bob Galway did his best to tell me about, so it won't be me. Neither will it be Jim Cullen or Bruce Lennox who weren't able to show the last CD of pictures from the 40th because they put the disk in upside down in the projector. But we'll get it done so that everyone can have a keepsake from the Reunion.

See you all on the CD and at the 50th. Thank you all for your support and kind words.

Bill