

## 2015 INDUCTEES



### KEN ACKLES (1949 – 1954)

After Delta, Ken received an MSc from Queen’s University and a PhD in physiology from the University of Alberta. This was followed by a post-doctoral year in England with the Royal Air Force Institute of Aviation Medicine in Farnborough, England. There he was able to fly in several RAF jets and do some diving training with the Royal Navy.

Ken then joined the Defence and Civil Institute of Environmental Medicine (DCIEM) as a Defence Scientist, conducting research in diving and aviation protective systems. Since he was doing experimentation on humans, his policy was never to ask anyone to do anything he was not personally prepared to do. As a result, Ken was treated for decompression sickness (the bends) nineteen times – a DCIEM record, while assisting in the development of new Diving Decompression Tables, which are widely used by civilian SCUBA divers today. As a leader of DCIEM’s “Project Phoenix” to provide state-of-the-art life support systems for Canada’s New Fighter Aircraft, his team successfully developed a unique system to protect fighter pilots against the effects of emergency decompressions at altitudes up to 80,000 feet.

In 1978, Ken was posted to the Canadian Defence Liaison Staff, Washington, D.C., where he was responsible for R&D liaison on all aspects of defence life sciences as Attaché, Defence Research and Development, while his wife Sandra and daughters Karen and Shannon enjoyed their diplomatic privileges.

In 1982, he returned to Canada and DCIEM where he became Director of the Biosciences Division. As such, Ken directed a division of more than 80 military and civilian employees involved in all aspects of defence life sciences. Up to this point, he had published more than 50 papers and reports in the scientific literature. Ken finished his career as Scientific Advisor to the Commander, Land Force Doctrine and Training System providing scientific input into the conceptual development of Canada’s future army.

Elected a Fellow of the Aerospace Medical Association in 1982, Ken was also awarded the society’s Eric Liljencrantz Award in 1986 for basic research in protection at high altitude. When he was elected President of the Aerospace Medical Association in 1996-97, he was the only non-MD to have been elected to this position in the history of the organization. Ken knows that Delta prepared him well for a very interesting career.

## **TOM MCEWAN (1938 – 1943)**

As a businessman in his thirties, Tom was fundamental in establishing the University of Guelph by planning the amalgamation of its three founding colleges – the Ontario Agriculture College, the Macdonald Institute and the Ontario Veterinary College. Tom fought to get the property from the provincial government and hired top people to make sure that they got the best physical plant.

Tom was born in Scotland, Ontario and lived on a farm. He left Delta early to join the Royal Canadian Air Force where he qualified as a pilot and patrolled Canada's coastline looking for submarines where flights could last 12 hours.



After the war, Tom went to a special government paid school for veterans where they could finish their high school education. The federal government paid for his university education at Queen's where he became president of the graduating Arts class in 1950. Later, he received his MBA at the University of Toronto.

Tom's first job was as a sales rep for Union Carbide Canada and then moved on to Sterling Rubber where he became an owner and the president. When it was bought by a company in the United States and became Beckton Dickinson, he stayed on as president of the Canadian division.

In the early 1960's, he was elected a school trustee in Guelph and then head of the Board of Regents of the Federated Colleges, the 3 institutions that made up the university. Tackling the student housing problem, Tom put together a 1,000 acre campus with student residences in the centre and on the edges of the university. He even bought land which he donated.

Tom was a founding father of the university in 1964 and when he joined the university's board of governors, he was surprised when he was elected chair at such a young age. He helped write a long term development plan that continues to determine the school's priorities today. In 2000, he donated a collection of material about the university's founding years.

Tom continued his business life while at the university and ran a firm called Howmet of Canada. In the 1970's he was chairman of a government committee to study costs in education in Ontario. Later, he served on the board of the Worker's Compensation Board.

Tom was heavily involved in charities for disabled children and was president of the Ontario Society for Crippled Children. He was a keen golfer and loved war songs and big band music.



### **GRANT PRESTON (1942 – 1947)**

A successful farmer means being a businessman, politician, veterinarian and a person willing to accept what Mother Nature doles out.

Gus's desire to become a farmer was ignited when he worked his high school summers at E.D. Smith's farm in Winona, Ontario. He proceeded to work on several farms to meet the required year of experience before admission to the Ontario Agriculture College in Guelph. Gus entered the OAC class of 1948-52 with experience in beef and milk cows, hens, pigs and sheep.

The first job Gus had after graduating was as an assistant agricultural representative (Ag Rep) for Leeds and Frontenac counties where he taught at 4H and Junior Farmer's meetings. Although involved mostly with dairy farming, he organized a 4H sheep club in Leeds.

In 1954, Gus was transferred to Brantford where farming was diverse due to the different soils and included tobacco, grain and corn. The following year on a visit to a farm in the Dundalk area, Gus agreed to take over the farm for \$21,000 for the land, livestock and equipment. He sold a heifer to buy and engagement ring for a girl on a local farm.

Updating projects was partly paid for with governments loans. Tile draining in the fields, a new barn in 1967, improved manure storage and spreading, tractors with hydraulic systems were just a few. Gus and an innovative neighbour devised their own extended feeder for the threshing machine to do three jobs instead of two. For 20 years, he had sheep, cows and pigs but sold the latter two to obtain 400 ewes.

In 1992 on a trip to Scotland, Gus was impressed with Suffolk sheep and two years later, imported 10 fertilized frozen embryos to be implanted in Canadian ewes. In 1988 and 1997, he had to have all his sheep slaughtered due to scrapie, coyotes killed up to 30 lambs a year. Gus farmed for 46 years and sold the farm in 2002.

Gus was president of three farming associations and sat on several other committees. As well, he was a councillor, deputy-reeve and reeve for the Proton Township Council.

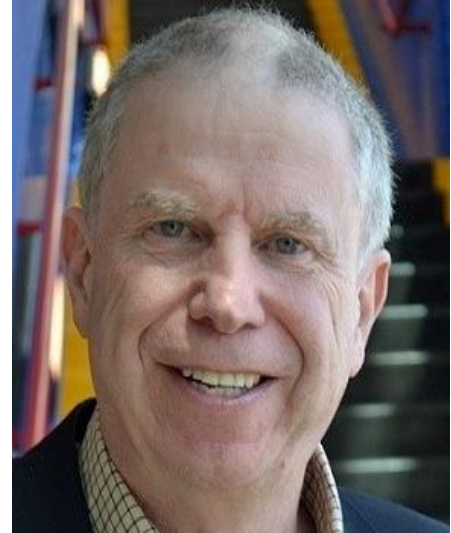
While in university, Gus was on the wrestling and cross country teams. After years of singing in quartets and choirs, he continues to sing in the church choir and at senior's homes. Gus enjoys lawn bowling, square dancing and travel.

## **MARTIN RUTTE (1961 – 1966)**

Martin Rutte is an international speaker and consultant. He is co-author of the New York Times Best Business Bestseller, *Chicken Soup for the Soul at Work*.

At Delta, he played on the junior volleyball team and was a member of both the Stamp Club and the UN Club. He then attended the University of Waterloo where he received his honours B.A. (Psychology).

As President of Livelihood, a management consulting firm in Santa Fe, New Mexico, Martin explores the deeper meaning of work and its contribution to society. Some of the corporations he has worked with include Sony Pictures Entertainment, Southern California Edison, Virgin Records, Apple Computer and Marion Merrell Dow Consumer Pharmaceuticals.



Martin was the first Canadian to address the Corporate Leadership and Ethics Forum of the Harvard Business School returning for four consecutive years as a keynote speaker. He was the founder and chair of the board of the Centre for Spirituality and the Workplace at the Sobey School of Business of Saint Mary's University in Halifax, NS. It was the first academic centre of its kind in Canada and a global leader in this field. His pioneering work on spirituality in the workplace was featured on the ABC-TV special, *Creativity: Touching the Divine*. Martin has also spoken to the World Bank on this topic.

Articles on his innovative work have appeared in the Miami Herald, the Wall Street Journal, South China Morning Post, Personnel Journal, US News and World Report and the Boston Globe.

For over 15 years he has been exploring people's vision for the kind of world they could see as ideal. He calls this *Project Heaven on Earth*. Martin has delivered workshops on this topic in Canada, USA, South Africa, Brazil, Mexico, Sweden, UK and Spain. He is currently working on his new book *What Three Questions Will Change the World?*

He is an acknowledged master at coaching individuals and businesses in discovering and succeeding in their visions. He feels that "inspired leaders are those who turn their vision into reality".

Martin has served as a board member for many community organizations including the Board of Directors of Pardes Yisroel Synagogue in Santa Fe, the Canadian Cancer Society and The Hunger Project.

Martin has been happily married to Maida for 42 years.