



The RCI Wall of Achievement honours former staff and students of our School who have gone on to earn distinction in various fields of endeavour. By awarding a place onto the Wall of Achievement, RCI proclaims that the achievements of these former Raiders will be an inspiration through the years to other students who will follow in their footsteps - guided by knowledge, and realizing excellence.



Charlotte Whitton

INDUCTED 2007

After Charlotte graduated from Renfrew Collegiate Institute, she continued her education at Queen's University in Kingston in preparation for her political and social activist career. Charlotte was elected as the Mayor of the City of Ottawa in 1951, becoming the first female mayor of a major city in Canada. Her political career spanned over a decade with election wins in 1952, 1954, 1960, and 1962. Charlotte was the Director and driving force behind the Canadian Council on Child Welfare (which later became the Canadian Welfare Council and the Canadian Council on Social Development). She will be remembered as an advocate for women's equality in the workplace and in the political arena. With Charlotte's accomplishments, she is the first inductee onto the RCI Wall of Achievement.



Dr. George Burwell, Sr.

INDUCTED 2008

Dr. George Burwell was a student at Renfrew Collegiate Institute at age eleven before attending Queen's University for his undergraduate and medical studies. After receiving his medical degree in 1915, Dr. Burwell served overseas with the Canadian Army Medical Corps in France, Macedonia, India and Germany. For his service with the Shropshire Light Infantry and the Lancashire Fusiliers, he was awarded the Military Cross and Bar twice. From here, Dr. Burwell completed post-graduate work in New York City and then returned to Renfrew to open an office where he practised medicine for more than fifty years. His service in the Renfrew community was vast. He served as the Renfrew and District Medical Officer of Health for over thirty years, served as the Renfrew Victoria Hospital Chief of Staff, was elected as a Renfrew Town Council Member,

and is a charter member and past president of the Royal Canadian Legion, Renfrew Branch.



(Major) Dave Lorente

INDUCTED 2008

Major Dave Lorente's influence on the community of Renfrew reaches far beyond the walls of Renfrew Collegiate Institute. His teaching career at RCI began in 1952 and continued for a span of over thirty years. During his years on staff, Major Lorente was instrumental in establishing the *Harpooner* (yearbook) as a cultural icon with Raider country. Moreover, he was a leading force with the RCI Cadet Corps and Rifle Team. Major Lorente's passion and expertise led RCI to numerous provincial, national, and international championships. Most notably, he was the coach of the 1966 Canadian Inter-School Rifle Champions, 1967 Canadian Centennial Rifle Champions, 1969 Canadian Rifle Association Champions and the 1970 Silver Medalists at the Commonwealth Rifle Championships. Major Lorente is also the founder and chair of Home Children

Canada which have been honoured by numerous provincial, national, and international organizations and governments. by. He is has also authored the foreword to the book *The Golden Bridge: Young Immigrant to Canada 1933-1939*.



Martin Cybulski-Ross

To be INDUCTED in 2010

Martin Cybulski-Ross is one of RCI's most celebrated War Veterans. His career with the Canadian Armed Forces was celebrated by winning the Distinguished Cross for his work with the Royal Canadian Armed Forces during the Second World War. Martin flew Fighter Command's first Mosquito daylight penetration into the German Homeland on March 27, 1944. Before his wartime heroics, Martin won a place on the National Rifle Team which competed at Bisley in the United Kingdom.



Dr. J.Y. Ferguson

To be INDUCTED in 2010

After attending RCI, James Young Ferguson studied at Queen's University gaining a B.A in 1902 and his Medical Doctorate in 1905. Upon graduation, Dr. Ferguson immediately volunteered as a foreign missionary and from 1905 to 1914 was a Presbyterian medical missionary in Formosa (Taiwan). He was instrumental in the founding of the MacKay Memorial Hospital in Taipei. Upon his return to Canada, Dr. Ferguson established a general practice in Toronto before being appointed Chief of Staff and Chief Surgeon for Toronto East General Hospital. After retiring as Chief in 1947, he headed a world-wide survey of Medical Missions on behalf of the United

Church of Canada. Dr. Ferguson continued practicing medicine up until his 89th birthday. Dr. Ferguson is a Senior Life Member of the Toronto East Medical Association and was the recipient of the GM Grant Prize for Moral Excellence.