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First Social Work class returns to Laurier after 40 years

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WATERLOO – The first graduating class of Laurier’s Master of Social Work program will return to the university October 25-26 to celebrate their 40th anniversary.

Members of the class of 1968 will join former faculty members, including former dean Dr. Frank Turner, for a reunion at the Faculty of Social Work’s new home in the old St. Jerome’s high school building at 120 Duke St. W. in Kitchener. The event starts Saturday October 25 at 2 p.m. with a tree-planting ceremony, followed by a reception at 2:30 p.m.

“The tree represents a legacy from the old to the new,” says Marnie Morrow, coordinator of continuing education for the Faculty of Social Work. “These alumni are a fascinating group that have seen many changes in their field and in social work education.”

Airdrie Thompson-Guppy and Joan Gilmore, two of the 21 members of the class of ’68, will speak to a first-year social work class October 27 about the changes they have witnessed and been a part of over their 40-year careers.

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