

Debert Granddaughter Graduates from top University in New Zealand



Sandra Reid, daughter of Marguerite and Neil Reid of Riverview, NB recently graduated with overall distinction for her Masters of Bioethics and Health Law from the University of Otago, New Zealand. Sandra is the granddaughter of Earl and Goldie Chisholm, Debert. (submitted)

By Linda Harrington

Sandra Reid, born and raised in Riverview, NB and granddaughter of Earl and Goldie Chisholm of Debert, has recently graduated with Overall Distinction for her Masters of Bioethics and Health Law from the University of Otago- the leading university in New Zealand.

Sandra obtained her undergraduate degree from Simon Fraser University in British Columbia. She graduated with a Bachelor of Science: Cell and Molecular Biology in 2006.

Afterwards Reid remained out west working as an Assistant Researcher at Vancouver General Hospital in the Spinal Unit. While there, Sandra attended a seminar on the ethics of stem cell research where she was exposed to topical issues in ethics which were not widely discussed in Canada at the time.

Sandra was encouraged by the keynote speaker to apply to his graduate program at the University of Otago. Within a month, Sandra applied, was accepted and rerouting herself down south! That was at the beginning of 2007.

Early in 2009, Sandra completed her graduate thesis titled, "Informed Consent in Pharmacogenetic Research in New Zealand: and ethical and legal analysis".

The official graduation ceremony was held on December 12th, 2009 for the Health Sciences Faculty consisting of 550 students. Sandra was one of only two graduates receiving the Masters of Bioethics and Health Law (MBHL).

Sandra's parents, Marguerite and Neil Reid, of Riverview, NB, made the journey to New Zealand to attend the ceremony. Sandra accompanied her parents back to New Brunswick and then she spent time over Christmas visiting her grandparents, Earl and Goldie Chisholm in Debert.

Sandra is currently working for the Health Research Council (HRC) of New Zealand (a New Zealand Crown Entity).

The HRC is the main body that publicly funds health and disability research in New Zealand.

Sandra's role within the Secretariat is Senior Advisor-Legal and Ethics.



Earl and Goldie Chisholm pose with their granddaughter Sandra Reid, while she was home for a visit this Christmas. (submitted)

New Executive for Legion Branch #72

By Ken Kennedy

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 72, Great Village, held its annual general meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 13th with the election of the following officers: President - Logan Spencer; Past President - Dan Wesley; First Vice - Jack Hines; Second Vice - John Henderson; Treasurer - Fred Richard; Secretary - Carlotta Priest; Sergeant At Arms - Ronald MacBurnie; Branch Chaplain - Ken Kennedy; Service Officer - Ed Langille.

The ceremony was conducted by District Commander Jim Whitman, assisted by Zone Commander Alan Fahey. As each member was presented by the Sergeant At Arms, Comrade Whitman read out the responsibilities of each position as listed in the Legion Manual. Comrade Whitman, of Pugwash, commented he was both honoured and humbled to have been invited to participate in this activity.

Prior to the induction ceremony, the regular monthly meeting was conducted by the former executive. Among other items, approval was given for the installation of new windows in the Legion hall. It was also agreed to give a donation of \$100 towards the Haiti earthquake disaster.

Dan Wesley gave a report of the past year's activities and noted that the aging 30-member branch was quite busy throughout the year with bingo, Wheels to Meals, the New Glasgow choir fundraiser, and with the hall being used by other community groups as well.

The Remembrance Day ceremonies were well attended with 45 wreaths or crosses laid at the Great Village cenotaph alone. Similar ceremonies were held at Economy, Londonderry, and Five Islands as well.

The Legion banquet was a great success with World War II Veterans Neil Morash and

Walter Perrin guest speakers for the occasion. To everyone's delight, it was reported that this year's poppy sales saw an increase in donations as well.

It was also noted that, although the branch is small in number, it is experiencing an average of 60 percent turnout at the regular monthly meetings held on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. New members are always welcome.

Bingo's are held every Tuesday evening and is the main fund-raiser for the branch.

"Wheels To Meals" is held every second Tuesday at noon for a nominal cost of \$6.00 for a full hot meal. This program is a little different from Meals to Wheels in that it gets people out of their homes or apartments and into a restaurant-style setting for fun and fellowship.

The branch looks forward to another exciting year under the leadership of Logan Spencer and the branch executive.

Londonderry Community Council News

By Sally Richard

Who knew that 2010 would bring so much sorrow in less than a month. First the loss of five more Canadian soldiers and a female journalist in Afghanistan bringing the total to 139 soldiers to date. Then the devastating news from Haiti. The most populated city, Port-au-Prince, crumbled during an earthquake of 7.0 magnitude leaving tens of thousands dead and hundreds of thousands injured or missing beneath the rubble. The people of Haiti are no strangers to disaster. Over the years they have experienced cruel dictatorship, extreme poverty and recently a series of natural disasters. Countries from around the world are rushing to help people left in utter despair. We can be proud that Canada is offering an enormous amount of help. As Canadians, what do we have to complain about??

A breakfast brunch was scheduled to be held at the Community Center on Saturday, January 23. Two more brunches will be held on Saturday, February 20 and Saturday, March 20, from 8:30 am to 11 am. In each case the storm date will be the following Saturday at the same time. The price is \$7.00 and is guaranteed to be filling and an excellent start for the day. See you there!

We were sorry to hear that Ruth Casey, Londonderry Station, was not well over Christmas. Best wishes are sent to you, Ruth. Margaret Barnes, also from the Station, spent Christmas in PEI with her son and family. Best wishes to Jean Patriquin who recently had surgery in Halifax. Jean is now at home where her daughters Barbara, Ida and Beverly are helping her with recovery. Some

young men in the community expressed an interest in trying to make a skating rink on the ballfield. The cold weather is ideal for making ice. Years ago, the children of this community spent many happy hours skating on that site. It was a natural swamp before it was filled in to make the ballfield. It would be nice to see skating there for all to enjoy. Two large sets of metal bleachers were donated to the ballfield. Dennis Spencer hauled the bleachers to the field free of charge. They will be put in place in the spring for the ball season.

A community meeting was held in Londonderry Station on January 17 at the Community Church. The purpose of the meeting was to generate ideas for the Thirsty Church project. There was an estimated 20 people in attendance and several interesting ideas were put forth if funding becomes available from the Aviva contest. Amanda Langille stressed an importance in keeping the community informed so further meetings will take place in the future.

Our monthly meetings are held on the first Sunday of each month from 7-8 pm. New members needed. Card parties are held on Monday nights at 7 pm. Everyone welcome. Tea, coffee, cheese and donuts are served. Contact Amanda Langille 668-2300 for hall rental inquiries.

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