

Londonderry Community Council News

By Sally Richard

On June 25 the Londonderry Community Council catered a dinner for 100 guests who were invited to celebrate the marriage of Edward and Carlotta Langille. The Centre was elegantly decorated for the occasion by Florence Dobson of "Cascading Creations". After dinner, guests enjoyed a fruit/chocolate fondue and cake. A DJ played a great selection of music for those who wished to dance. Ed and Carlotta wish to express their thank you to their guests for gifts and best wishes and for joining them in a very special evening of celebration.

The week end of July 16th was extremely busy at the Community Centre. Marilyn (Canning) and Larry MacNeill, Braeside, Ontario celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary there on July 16. Marilyn, formerly of Londonderry and Larry, formerly of Digby, were married at Acadia United Church on December 22, 1961 by Rev. William Pope. While home to attend Marilyn's 50th class reunion at Acadia University in Wolfville they decided "why not" and planned an early anniversary party enabling many family and friends in Nova Scotia to help them celebrate their 50 happy years together. Congratulations to Elmer

and Ethel MacKinnon, Lower Onslow, who recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary; Myles and Georgie Rushton, Sutherland's Lake who celebrated their 64th and to Percy and Joy (Perrot) Graham who celebrated their 40th.

The families of the late Thomas Bird held a reunion at the Centre July 16-17. Between 50-60 family members attended from as far away as British Columbia.

Maureen Eagles hosted a baby shower for her daughter Elizabeth at the Centre on July 17. Liz received many lovely gifts for her baby from family and friends. Apparently some of the girls at the shower discovered they were relatives of the Bird family and were invited to the reunion.

On July 16, Dustin Dobson, Londonderry and Darcy O'Brien, Mastown, were united in marriage at Faith Baptist Church, Great Village. Reception was held at the Debert Legion which was tastefully decorated for the occasion by Dustin's mother Florence of "Cascading Creations". Unfortunately, both Dustin's grandmother Helen Lane and Marjorie Hayward, Dustin's great aunt were not able to attend because of illness. We are positive that both Helen and Marjorie were there in spirit in spite of being hospitalized.

Our condolences to the family of the late Mildred Mac Rushton. Mildred was the daughter of the late Perley and Anna Cooke and lived in Lornevale for many years before moving to Bass River. We were saddened to hear of the death of Florence (Hughes) Gamble of Debert, formerly of Londonderry on July 19. Florence was the wife of the late Carl Gamble. Our sympathy to Florence's family; also to Jean Samad and family on the passing of her husband Dr.A. Samad and to the family of the late Kenneth Congdon, Great Village. Best wishes to Paul Patriquin, Lydia Fisher and Shep Scott for a speedy recovery from their illnesses.

Rose Gamble is home for awhile this summer. Nice to see a light there. Her son Glenn and grandson spent some time with her visiting from Toronto. Charles Nelson and Debbie Richard, Toronto, visited family and friends recently. Helen Slack and Margaret Barnes were accompanied by Helen's two daughters, Patsy Matheson and Barb Slack (Marg's nieces) on a trip to Minto, NB. They enjoyed a great visit with Marg's brother Morton Slack, former resident of here.

Contact Amanda Langille for hall rental inquiries at 668-2300. Remember our military and their families in prayer.

Bass River Brigade Acquires Marine 6

By Peter Christensen

This past week has been an awesome time at the hall. At the first of the week Dave MacFarland and myself traveled to the far reaches of the earth in search of the most elusive commodity that we as a team had ever searched for on behalf of the brigade.

As part of the committee to secure a rescue watercraft, or an inflatable as some would say, for the fire brigade, Dave, Blaine, Kolh, and myself, had traveled the province extensively, searching for the one we were looking for, to help us in the future, sort of like dating, but not quite. Anyway we looked at boats in Meat Cove, twice, had been to Halifax many times, to Chester Basin, and a few times out of province as well, oh yeah forgot to tell you about those ones, anyway, it all came to fruition last week, when Dave and I found our rescue water craft at the top of Folly Mountain.

We even went for a tour of the Folly Lake, and enjoyed it so much we brought it back to the fire hall. And it is the same color as the trucks, except for the big black strip down the sides of the boat, but anyway it is a fine craft. We have been on two training sessions already and so far it is very seaworthy and a capable craft for rescues, which we hope we will never have to use. We have given the craft a name, and it is not a girls name like Anna or Emma, or Danielle. That would not be right,

so we stayed true to being as fair and impartial as we could.

Actually Alex Elsom thought of the name Marine 6, being it is the sixth piece of fire and rescue apparatus in our hall. So there she sits, oops sorry, there it sits, in our hall after four years of work from a dedicated committee of volunteers. Who says the democratic process is dead. Welcome home baby. Oops.

In other happenings at the hall, the dance committee has been doing a bang up job. We had a great dance on July 9th, a great crowd was on hand to appreciate the great band, Sweet Revenge. These boys lead by Jim Alward, had the folks up on the dance floor all night long. A great time for sure. And just a note of thanks to all those who assisted on the dance setup and take down, and the volunteers who took turns working the dance, thank you, great times and great memories for sure.

On a different note, I was down through the area of Shady Nook and Five Houses the other day, what a lovely place, with trees lining the roads, the tide lapping the shore and new cottages springing up in little nooks of the woods. What I did not see very often were civic address signs on the lawns or on the side of driveways. I saw many handmade ones, some very intricate ones with lots of work to them. But if the brigade was to go to one of those homes after dark, it would be hard

Bass River Heritage Society News

By Tracy Elsom

How lovely to finally see the sun after our soggy spring. Now that summer appears to have finally arrived why not pay a visit to the Bass River Heritage Museum on Hwy #2?

The museum is now open every day from 10 am to 5 pm and houses a varied collection of artefacts and information relating to the local area including the Dominion Chair Company that formerly occupied the site.

Heritage Day 2011

The Heritage Society is currently finalizing arrangements for this year's Heritage Day. This promises to be a great event

with a variety of extra activities and exhibitions for visitors. Come and watch the blacksmith display, look at the antique engines from the Nova Scotia Antique Engines and Tractors Association or the vehicles of the Fundy Shore Auto Club.

If you are a competitive type why not try your hand at the crosscut competition or the kettle boil? Challenge your friends and neighbours to beat your time. There will also be the Annual Bass River and Area Fire Brigade's wooden boat race that always creates a lot of healthy rivalry.

Why not bring a picnic and

enjoy the grounds? You could also tuck into the delights of the bake sale and barbecue. The museum will be open as usual during Heritage Day and you might also want to visit the Veterans Memorial Park just across the road from the museum.

The day promises to provide fun for all the family, so why not make a note in your diary to pay us a visit? Saturday August 20th from 10 am to 4 pm (museum open until 5 pm).

The next meeting of the Bass River Heritage Society will be held on Aug. 8th at 6.30 pm.

Tracy Elsom is Secretary, Bass River Heritage Society.

Debert Legion Notes

By Danny Martell

With the warm summer weather finally with us (I hope), things here at the Branch are rather slow right now.

The Friday Night Suppers are over for the summer months and they enjoyed a successful fall and winter run thanks in part to a few hard working and dedicated people who gave a lot of hard work and time to help the supper enjoy the success they had.

To all the workers who helped, thank you very much. A big job, well done. I hesitate in listing the workers for fear of missing someone. To all the members who made donations, thank you, your donations were appreciated and helped defray the cost.

Finally, to all who supported the Suppers, thank you.

The fishing season is in full swing and the pictures and stories are proof of some successful days on the water. Fishing season for me is a very special time of year as a lot of the old gang drop in to say hi and we always manage a laugh or two.

Danny MacEachern tells me he had an excellent spring and early summer catching trout, his favorite spot is Colchester County and parts of Cumberland. (Dan that's pinning it down!).

Jimmy McMullen stopped by for some bait and told me he and his good fishing buddy (Bernie Lewis) landed some beautiful trout so far this season.

Jimmy and Bernie use the

Debert Mountain and the Portpique area to drown their worms and flies. The boys didn't get to the Liscomb Game Sanctuary this spring as the weather was just too cold and wet for their old bones.


Last week Jimmy changed partners and fishing rods and he and Neil "Bud" MacKinnon went after the strippers, the score as of now is Jimmy, two, Bud, zero.

The bass season is in full swing and there are some beautiful fish being caught right now, the honour of the biggest so far this season as seen by Deanna (Mamma Bears) camera goes to Jay Chisholm. Jay's fish hit the scales at 22lbs and was 35 ¼ inches long. Other successful fishermen/fishermen were/are Dianne Wenham, Lorne Pelham, Jason, Fred Blenkhorn, Jody

Matheson and Nate Francis, just to name a few. To the boys who are dropping off the eels thank you, they are beautiful. Happy Anniversary wishes for July are passed along Laura and Fred MacKinnon, Jane and Glen MacDorman, Marcia and Norm Eastcott, Connie and Sam Worthington, Mary and Jack Barley, Betty and Robert Hill, Shelly and Mark McCully.

Happy Birthday wishes for July are passed along to Valerie Yantha, Harvey Adams, Bill Wood, Bruce Higgins, Earl Harvey, Ron Totten, Debbie Buchanan, Jim Adshade, Eric McCully, Ed Skinner, Doris McCully and Helen Eastcott.

Don't forget to thank a Veteran; it is because of their sacrifice that we are able to enjoy our freedom and our Country. Please say a prayer for our troops in Afghanistan and their families.



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