

# Five Islands Fire Brigade Holds Christmas Party and Annual Awards

Photos by Judy Bristow-Roberts



Pictured above are members of the Five Islands Fire Brigade taken at the brigade's Christmas Party.



Gloria and Carol Lewis were recognized for their work decorating the Hall for holidays and events, and for their work in the canteen. The recognition was made at the Five Islands Fire Brigade Christmas Party on December 11th. Pictured above are Gloris Lewis, Carole Lewis, Deputy Chief Maurice Thompson and Chief Glennie Davis.



In the above photo, Ted Lock accepts the "Most Reliable Firefighter Award" from Deputy Chief Maurice Thompson at the Five Islands Brigade Christmas Party on December 11.



Darrel Spence was presented the "Most Valuable Firefighter Award" at the Five Islands Fire Brigade Christmas Party. Pictured above are: Darrel Spence, and Deputy Chief Maurice Thompson.



Pictured above are Stephen Hingley, Deputy Chief Maurice Thompson and Chief Glennie Davis - Stephen was presented the "Firefighter of the Year Award" at the Five Islands Christmas Party on December 11th.

By Linda Harrington

The yearend Christmas Party and Awards Night for Five Islands Fire Brigade was held on Dec. 11th. The evening social, including finger foods and seafood chowder, was enjoyed by Brigade members along with their family, friends in the community and invited guests.

Aubrey Eagles was presented the "Most Improved Firefighter Award" by Deputy Chief Maurice Thompson, Captain Robert Webb, and Chief Glennie Davis.

Stephen Hingley was presented the "Firefighter of the Year Award" by Deputy Chief Maurice Thompson and Chief Glennie Davis.

The "Most Valuable Firefighter Award" was presented to Darrel Spence by Deputy Chief Maurice Thompson.

Ted Lock was presented the "Most Reliable Firefighter Award" by Deputy Chief Maurice Thompson.

Gloria Lewis and Carol Lewis were recognized for their work decorating the Hall for holidays and events, and for their work in the canteen.

Chief Glennie Davis was recognized for his 40 years of service to the Fire Department.



Glennie Davis was recognized for 40 years service to the Five Islands Fire Brigade at the brigade's Christmas Party on December 11th. Chief Glennie received his award from Deputy Chief Maurice Thompson.



Several awards were presented at the Five Islands Fire Brigade Christmas Party on December 11. Pictured above are: Aubrey Eagles, Deputy Chief Maurice Thompson, Captain Robert Webb and Chief Glennie Davis. Aubrey was presented the "Most Improved Firefighter Award".

# Cumberland County Senior Citizens Council Meets

By Hope Bridgewater

The CCSCC, November 2010, (there are four meetings a year) met in Oxford with the Oxford Pioneer Heritage Club acting as host. These Council meetings are very important as all 11 Clubs are invited to come for social contact, friendship, entertainment and political concerns about the senior population. There are political contacts with the Federation of Senior Citizens & Pensioners of Nova Scotia and with the Department of Seniors (Nova Scotia is fortunate to have such a Department as not all Canadian provinces have one). Each year the Federation (representing senior clubs) meets with the Department of Seniors and other government Departments to voice senior concerns. We were sad to hear at the meeting that the Pugwash 50 Plus Club disbanded recently, and we are hoping it will start up again. At the moment, we are now 10 clubs in Cumberland County.

The social hour from 11 a.m. to 12 noon featured a talented trio of singers (two played the guitar as well): Wendy Reid (alto), Wanda Lloy (lead) and Carol Embree (tenor). With beautiful harmony, the group sang: "Just as the Sun Went Down," "Beautiful Star of Bethlehem," "Away In a Manger," "A Tiny Babe Is Born," and "Christmas Bells Are Ringing." With encore calls from members, Wendy Reid sang solo "Christmas Star Shines Brightly," "It's Good To Be Back Home Again," "Frosty the Snowman," "Silver Bells," and "Silent Night."

Next came lunch with 33 people seated at several tables and being served by the Oxford Club members. After the lunch, friendly conversations ended at 1 p.m., and President Judy Shultz introduced a speaker, Ross Blanch, from the Sexual Health Centre for Cumberland County (SHCCC) located in Amherst, and he spoke briefly about the importance of promoting sexual health and left copies of the pamphlet called "Safe Sex After 50" for each club. The pamphlet was funded by a grant from the Department of Seniors.

The business meeting began with President Judy Shultz and Secretary Betty Curry as the executive at the head table. Treasurer Gertrude Hollis was unable to attend. "O Canada" was sung, the "Seniors Prayer" said, and a minute of silence was held in memory of those who had passed away since the last meeting: Jimmy MacLean from Malagash and Clarence Chapman from Springhill.

President Judy Shultz reported the following topics and, when necessary, they were discussed. Seniors are not always consulted about the location of new senior



The talented trio Carol Embree, Wanda Lloy and Wendy Reid sing songs and hymns at a recent meeting of the Cumberland County Senior Citizens Council. (Bridgewater Photo)

apartments being built, and there have been cases where senior apartments have been built at locations not suitable for senior needs.

Dal Hutchinson, Community Policing Officer RCMP, is prepared to give a presentation about seniors' safety issues, and the membership hopes Mr. Hutchinson can come to the next Council meeting.

In Amherst, a park bench with a plaque has been donated by the CCSCC and PFTCC (Preventing Falls Together Coalition of Cumberland County) in memory of the late President of CCSCC, Les Day, who worked very hard to establish a coalition about falls.

Work is in progress to provide a relevant list of important phone numbers for seniors in Cumberland County.

An important book 'It's In Your Hands - Legal Information for Seniors and Their Families' is recommended.

Fall Consultation attended by Judy Shultz on November 2, 2010, had information about local bus transportation, volunteerism, community stories and updates from the Department of Seniors.

Positive Aging Grants will be available in the spring.

Federation quilt, with tickets sold by N.S. senior clubs, was won by a woman from Tusket.

Federation Newsletter

requires reports sent in by the N. S. clubs if it is to continue to publish.

Senior Health Care Center in Springhill is open to Cumberland County residents by appointment (597-7150).

Personal Directive Act in N.S. is now in effect.

Members are interested in having a lawyer to speak at the May 2011 meeting in order to address senior concerns.

Two representatives from each club should attend council meetings but all other club members are welcome as well. #14. Present executive has another year, 2011, to serve.

At the close of the meeting, each club reported on their activities. Clubs present were Malagash, Northport, Oxford, Springhill, Wallace and Wentworth. President Judy Shultz made available the following important pamphlets: Fair Drug Prices for Nova Scotians; Planning for Possible Loss of Independence; Managing and Protecting Assets; Planning for Future Housing Needs; Financial Abuse; Having a Will; Elder Abuse; Frauds and Scams; Income and Benefits from Government Programs; Personal Directives in Nova Scotia - Personal Care choices.

The next Council meeting will be in Springhill on March 16, 2011, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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