

Youngest President In School's History



At only 11 years of age, Mallory Priest, an enthusiastic Grade 5 student has been elected president of the Debert Elementary Parent/Teacher Group. (Harrington Photo)

By Linda Harrington

Debert Elementary has had a Parent/Teacher Group (PTG) for a number of years but Mallory Priest is by far the youngest President in the group's history. At only 11 years of age, this enthusiastic Grade 5 student may be destined for a future in politics.

Mallory came to the September PTG meeting, with her mother Gena, to present an idea she had to encourage fund raising for the Terry Fox Run. "I thought it would be a good idea to buy a pizza for the class who raised the most money," she says.

Mallory had already suggested to her principal the

school hold a penny drive for the Terry Fox Run and she felt an added incentive might get students more excited.

The PTG had been without a President and a lot of the parents present at the meeting were reluctant to put their names up for nomination. Completely by surprise PST/Early Literacy teacher Ms. Shelley Langille offered Mallory's name for nomination. "I was impressed by Mallory's presentation and knew she possessed strong leadership skills and had a good work ethic, so I put her name forward, and she accepted the nomination," says Ms. Langille with a

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Economy & Five Islands News

By Ruth Thompson

The Christmas parties have started and everyone has been having a great time. The U.C.W. in Economy had their Christmas Party on December 15th at the Economy Recreation Centre. We all had a great time. We also delivered cookies to the people over 80 in the community. Our list is getting smaller, but everyone enjoyed seeing us.

Beverley and Jack Ryan had the surprise of their son John from Oromocto, New Brunswick. It was a nice short visit but very enjoyable. Please give Bev and Jack a call over the holidays. We all should get in touch with friends over the holidays.

The Five Islands U.C.W.

had their party on December 10th, they made baskets up for the older residents of the community and some shut-ins. There is still one boat at the wharf. The time for getting the boats out is now. Hopefully the fishermen had a good season.

The Christmas Choir sing at Peniel Untied was well attended. Most of the people stayed for the treats and enjoyed chatting with everyone. There are still house tours throughout the village of Five Islands. There are a lot of houses decorated for the Christmas season.

Please remember the sick and the elderly of the two communities. Namely, Ida Cameron, Economy and Ruby

Lewis, Five Islands, who is in the hospital in Amherst.

Paul Yorke has a birthday on Christmas day. Call and wish him a Happy Birthday. I will be going to my daughter, Janet's for Christmas. My grandchildren, who call me Nanners are always wanting me to come visit them.

The Christmas Eve service will be held in Economy United Church at 7.P.M. All are welcome.

Have a great Christmas season and all the best for 2013. Remember if you want to read the news from Economy/Five islands you have to contact me either by e-mail or phone 647-2878 e-mail ruth.thompson@belaliant.net

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smile. "The vote was unanimous and Mallory became our new PTG President."

The October PTG meeting was the first for the newly elected President. Mallory says her first job was to draft an agenda for the meeting. "I looked back in the minute binder for examples and my mom helped me a lot," she says. Her mom, Gena Priest, was President of the Debert PTG a number of years ago. "Before I was student at this school," says Mallory.

The young President was excited to chair her first meeting but admits she felt nervous when she had to call the meeting to order. She didn't need to worry, everything went smoothly, and Mallory is keen to continue as President.

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Londonderry Pastoral Charge Schedule of Church Services

By Chris Urquhart

Upcoming Church services for the Upper Londonderry Pastoral Charge will be: the Blue Christmas Service December 21st, 7pm, 4th in Advent regular Church



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Sunday School will be held at all the regular Church services except for December 30th. Come join us in Church, you will be made welcome! I would like to say a special Thank You to our Sunday School who led the White Gift Service on December 9th. They did a wonderful job, the whole service was great, and I look forward to them taking part in more services throughout the coming year.

You will be glad you did!

Dividend ETF Products Garner \$11.4-Billion Net New Assets

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because they face the predicament of retirees exceeding the number of pension contributors. To make up for cash flow shortfalls, pension fund managers are likely to favor the regular and timely payments of dividend investments.

Not all high yield dividend yield stocks are inexpensive, and Credit Suisse feels that investors need to be selective. Three of the four most expensive sectors on Economic P/E are also the highest yield sectors: Consumer Staples (20x), Utilities (28x), and Telecom (21x). According to their analysis, the valuations of dividend paying stocks with an above average payout ratio are starting to look stretched and they prefer those that pay out a smaller portion of their earnings. The median Economic P/E for dividend paying companies with a low dividend payout ratio is 15.1x, which represents a 2.1x discount to market. Credit Suisse believes the potential for this group to grow dividends and increase their payout ratio could offer an

attractive way to invest in the dividend theme.

Roberge agrees that more discrimination is warranted, and examined the three types of dividend yielders in the S&P/TSX- cyclical resources (energy, materials), cyclical non-resources (financials, industrials, consumers), and defensives (telecoms, utilities, pipeline, REITs) - to determine growth potential. Roberge found that cyclical non-resource stocks offer the most value and cautioned that resource yielders could be considered "value traps". Although they provide the highest dividend yield, they also come with greater potential for volatility.

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