



The Cumberland Singers perform in Wentworth a concert called "The Sounds of Christmas" with vigour and beauty. (Rick Clarke photo)

Cumberland Singers Perform in Wentworth

By Hope Bridgewater

The Cumberland Singers performance, "The Sounds of Christmas," symbolized greatness in music and greatness in caring for others who need help. The majority of the performers are descendants of Ellsworth and Edith Patriquin who lived at Greenville Station' (part of the Wentworth area) and who were parents of 11 children. Part of their culture was having "kitchen parties" with singing and musical instruments (often piano, guitar and fiddle) and which gave their children musical training.

Their two daughters, the late Jean Mooring and Pearl Crowley, decided to have a concert with their family in order to raise funds for a piano needed at a former dance hall and the concert was so successful that they decided to continue the concerts under the name of "The Cumberland Singers" from 1982 to 1991. This family group and relatives did not perform from 1992 to 1998. Then, in 1999 Pearl's daughter, Jocelyn Morris, organized several family descendants by blood or marriage of Ellsworth and Edith Patriquin again under the name of "The Cumberland Singers" to perform concerts at the Wentworth Recreation Centre in order to raise funds for Chalice - Child Care International which provides disaster and humanitarian relief to children and their families who are struggling to survive without even the very basic necessities of life.

The concert was done in memory of Joseph Patriquin who was a member of the Cumberland Singers for many years and often was Master of Ceremonies as well as being a talented singer. All performers from near and far donate their time, talent, and expenses in order to have all the funds given to Chalice. As well, volunteer workers at the admission door, raffle table, baked goods table and gift card table donated their time talent and funds to Chalice.

Of the 32 music performers on stage, 27 were all members of the Patriquin family by blood or marriage and were, therefore, all descendants of Ellsworth and Edith Patriquin, covering from the first generation down to the 5th generation with Jackson Steeves, great-grandson of Charles Patriquin.

A list of the Patriquin family members on stage follows: Jocelyn Morris - singer & show coordinator/director; Ashley Baker - singer, guitarist, band member; Amy Morris - singer, sound technician, band member; Nick Morris - singer, drummer, sound technician, band member; Steve Simpson - drummer, sound technician, band member; Charles Patriquin - singer, MC; Sharon Miller - singer; Larry Patriquin - singer; Carmen Baker - singer; Pearl Crowley - singer; Andrew Keilty - singer; Mitchell Baker - duet singer; Max Baker - duet singer; Laurene Decoste - choir; Erica

Decoste - choir; Roger Patriquin - choir; Ron Rushton - choir; Sherri Rushton - choir; Colton Rushton - choir; Sarah Morris - choir; Luke Morris - child singer, son of Nick & Sarah, grandson of Jocelyn; Ben Morris - child singer, son of Nick & Sarah, grandson of Jocelyn; Damien Miller - child singer, grandson of Sharon; Avery Miller - child singer, granddaughter of Sharon; Katherine Miller, granddaughter of Sharon; Jackson Steeves - child singer, great-grandson of Charles Patriquin; Whitney McKim - granddaughter of Judy & Rick Clarke, grandniece of Jocelyn.

Jocelyn Morris praised the five friends on stage who are very talented and greatly help the performance: Wayne Reid - singer, lead guitar, band member; Shane Lyons - bass guitar, band member; Angela Trenholm - singer pianist, band member; Rachel Trenholm - teenage singer; Elena Wurf - international student from Germany, teenage singer.

In order to make a song or carol more relevant to their themes, Jocelyn Morris and Sharon Miller at times changed their clothes: Jocelyn six times and Sharon seven times!

Other volunteer staff helped the success of the concert: Ethel Gilroy & Jeannette Murray at the admission table; Georgie Patriquin & Beryl Keilty at the raffle table; Shirley Palmer at the bake sale table; Raffle prizes were donated by Pearl Crowley,

Fletcher's December Council Corner Notes

Diligent River Street Lights to be re-instated?

By Don Fletcher

Merry Christmas everyone!

We began council on Dec 13th at 5 pm in camera with 5 items covered. Public council began with three presentations. First was the Parrsboro Band Association with their proposal for solar power on their roof. Very informative. The group have done an amazing job on upkeep and a worthwhile project.

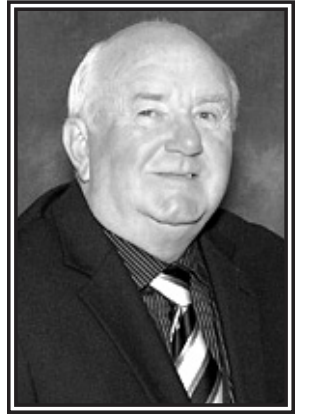
Parrsboro Creative were next with their strategic plan going forward. An ambitious plan which will make Parrsboro a world class tourism destination and stop the out migration of citizens. Heritage was next with a proposal to erect statues throughout Cumberland where the Arcadians settled and this in turn will get tourists off of Highway 104 onto secondary roads to attract a whole new

tourism group.

Approval for consolidation of our financial statements were next. Four properties for destruction were approved next. A notice of motion to consider acceptance of a policy regarding drug and alcohol in the workplace policy was approved.

A short discussion on tax collection followed with concerns raised over progress. Six grants were approved. Motion to approve the name, Nova Scotia Border Committee and terms of reference was next on the approval list.

Training for elected officials from municipal affairs was discussed next. Staff will look into street lights for the community of Diligent River after receiving a signed petition and letter requesting they be reinstated. Hopefully, this will fall into the LED replacement required in a



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couple of years.

Information items included Glooscap Campground 2017 report; dangerous and unsightly 2017 report; canine control bylaw officer report; joint letter regarding Chignecto Isthmus infrastructure risk and two stream recycling.

Additional information items included Cumberland Connector Report; Northern Regional Waste Resource Committee meeting report and Joggins Fossil Cliffs board minutes. A couple of thank-you's were last. After council a nomination committee meeting was held with a few changes for next year on our committees. Each councillor has approximately 7 committees.

Question: Have you considered knocking on your neighbours door and wishing them a merry Christmas?

Call your councillor.

Don Fletcher is councillor for Cumberland, District 10, Municipality County of Cumberland.



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wish you and

your family

a Merry

Christmas!

Rick & Judy Clarke, Wes Patriquin, Amy Morris, Sharon Miller, Georgie Patriquin, Beryl Keilty, Roy Morris, Cumberland Singers (grocery basket & Christmas Dinner basket); baked goods made or donated by Amy Morris, Pearl Crowley, Shirley Patriquin, Georgie Patriquin, Beryl Keilty, Sharon Miller, Joan Wark, Jocelyn Morris.

Funds raised were from admissions, baked table, raffle draw, Wentworth Learning Centre, MacDiarmid's Funeral Home, Oxford Scotia Bank, and private citizens (Rick & Judy Clarke, Wes Patriquin, and Ghislaine Rushton). Special sponsors were Pearl Crowley, and Rick & Judy Clarke. A significant amount was raised with all the funds given to Chalice - Child Care International.

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