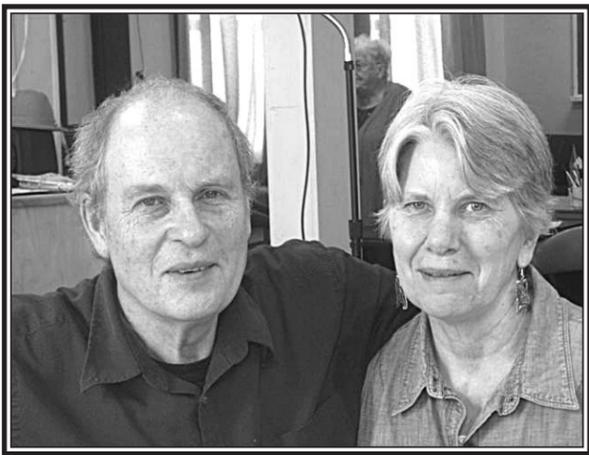


Cumberland Council of Senior Citizens Meeting



Andrew and Margaret Lloyd performed a concert of 17 songs during an entertainment feature at a meeting of the Cumberland County Council of Senior Citizens located at the Springhill Senior Citizen Recreation Centre. (Hope Bridgewater Photo)

By Hope Bridgewater

The first of the four annual meetings of the Cumberland County Council of Senior Citizens met in the Springhill Senior Citizen Recreation Centre at 4 McDougal Street and was hosted by the Springhill Senior Citizens' and Retired Pensioners' Club. The Council represents the nine senior clubs in Cumberland County and attending this sessions were clubs from Oxford, Northport, Springhill, Wallace and Wentworth. Each of the four annual meetings has entertainment or special speakers from 11 am to noon, then a lunch, and a business meeting from 1 pm to 3 pm. Discussions at the meetings are general information about Nova Scotia senior clubs (over 150 of them), the Federation of Senior Citizens and Pensioners of Nova Scotia, and the concerns and activities of the Cumberland County senior clubs.

At one time the hall was the office quarters of a mining

company located in Springhill. The Springhill Club now leases this building from the town of Springhill.

The President of the Springhill Club, Mary Ellen MacDougall, welcomed everyone to the event and introduced the entertainment session featuring Andrew and Margaret Lloyd who sing in several styles (folk, country, gospel and Celtic). Having moved from Ontario to Springhill three years ago, they now play at Open Mics, churches, and senior events around Cumberland County (for booking phone 902-763-2196).

Andrew has a home recording studio, the couple has made three compact discs, and as well they compose their own original songs. In an adjoining kitchen from noon time to 1 pm, the Springhill host club served a tasty meal consisting of chicken pot pies with several relishes, a variety of cakes, and drinks.

The business meeting began at 1 pm with the executive at a head table: President Judy Shultz, Secretary Betty Curry, Treasurer Gertie Hollis, and Zone Representative Sharon Rector. The agenda included the reading and discussion of the minutes of the previous meeting, the Treasurer's report, and correspondence, the President discussed important information as upcoming events to be held in the immediate future. Accessible Cumberland County bus transportation information can be obtained at phone 902-667-8149.

Four motions passed: a). request a speaker on Continuing Care at the next meeting in Wentworth; b). pay for two Council voting delegates to attend the Federation's Convention in Truro; c). pay out of Councils funds for the two Council voting delegates to attend the Federation's banquet; d). prepare a resolution for the Federation's Convention to have the N.S. government take off the HST from funeral expenses.

The Summer Picnic will be held in Wallace at the Community Hall on Wednesday, August 13, registration at 1:30 pm and program begins at 2 pm. Phone 211 for finding out about available social services.

Arnold Smith reported on the Aging Well Network's monthly meeting in Amherst. The clubs present reported on their activities including resolutions sent to the Federation, games played at meetings, tournaments, dances, bazaars, yard sales, potluck suppers, and fund-raising for charities.

Wentworth United Celebrates 50TH



Erroll and Maureen Patriquin sang with three inspiring hymns in celebration of 50th Anniversary of the Wentworth United Church at its present site. (Hope Bridgewater Photo)

By Hope Bridgewater

The 50th Anniversary of the Wentworth United Church at its present site was celebrated recently at a successful service planned by current minister, Rev. Brian DeLong, choir director and organist, Betty Curry (for 68 years), and United Church Women's president, Marie Duranceau. The current church replaced an older church building in need of repair across the road. Geordie and Emma Little donated land for the present site and building began in 1963-1964. According to the church bulletin at the dedication of the new church the following history is given: May 27, 1963, the first sod was turned on the present site; June 27, 1963, the foundation was poured; the new church was constructed under the leadership of contractor, Lorne Henderson; November 29, 1963, the church's first service was the funeral of Byron Patriquin, a tireless member of the building committee; December 29, 1963, the first regular service was held; January 12, 1964, the chairs used were replaced by the present pews; May 24, 1964, the Services of Dedication took place at 3 pm and 7:30 pm.

Today in 2014 the Wentworth congregation is happy to remember the importance of still having a well maintained and beautiful church after 50 years of services. The new church with its site at Wentworth Centre in 1964 is also important for amalgamating into one central church the three churches (located at Wentworth Centre, Wentworth Valley, and Lake Road), three school meeting places (Lower Wentworth, East Wentworth and Folly Lake), and one hall (West Wentworth). In earlier days, it was necessary to have more local places of worship because of horse travel with buggies or sleighs and cars on gravel roads. By 1964 travel was made easier as cars had replaced horses, and the gravel roads had been replaced by the paved Trans-Canada 104 Highway.

The old church was once a Methodist Church built prior to 1844, later dedicated in 1851 and had a Methodist congregation until 1925 when Church

Union took place. This resulted in the uniting of the Methodist and Presbyterian congregations in Wentworth. The old church was demolished by Robert Redmond in 1964.

A special choir was featured at three intervals called "Gift of Music," and was composed of one pianist (Jim Scopic), and four singers (Leah Killen, Valerie MacDonald, Maureen Patriquin, and Erroll Patriquin.) The three women were daughters of well-known Maurice Ruddick, the Springhill miner who was trapped in the 1958 Springhill mining disaster with six other miners near the bottom of the mine for nine days.

Maurice Ruddick is known for helping the morale of the trapped miners by singing and praying until they were rescued, and from this experience he composed the song "Springhill Disaster." His three daughters inherited his singing talent, and it was an honour to have them singing in the Wentworth United Church.

The scripture was read by two guests who had previously preached at this church: Rev. John A. C. Wilson (1991) and Steven Cochrane (2010-2011). Then, Leland MacLean (1997-2000) gave interesting remarks about his experience as a preacher in Wentworth.

Rev. Brian DeLong, author of a new book titled The Stained Glass Window Project: Wentworth United Church presented it as a gift to the congregation. The book has 61 beautiful colour photos of the stained glass and text written by Rev. DeLong explaining the symbols contained in the stained glass

with scripture references researched for over eight months by the author. Community members remembered their loved ones who have passed away by funding the project and by having names on plaques next to specific windows or listed on four pages in back of the book. Rev. DeLong acknowledged the help of Carol Hyslop, Betty Duizer, and Jordan Sprague in assembling the photos.

Another inspiring part of the service was the presentation of Memorial Doves as the congregation walked up the aisles to place paper doves in memory of loved ones on a special memorial tree. As well, Carol Hyslop had created a special bulletin of the anniversary service and included a bookmark of a poem by E. E. Cummings (1894-1962) titled "I Am a Little Church."

Following the service, the congregation was invited to attend a salad buffet meal organized by the United Church Women in the downstairs hall. The buffet consisted of many casseroles, relishes, salads, jellies, spiced vegetables, an anniversary cake with ice-cream, and various drinks.

In the previous church service started at 11 am requiring someone to light a fire two hours earlier in the two wood stoves which had long pipes running overhead giving off heat over the length of the church. As there was no electricity, large windows in daytime and kerosene oil lamps at night were needed for lighting.

For this special service the basement wall showed large photos printed out by Carol Hyslop from photos taken by the late Gertrude Tratt and revealed both the old and new churches in various stages. As well, several albums containing the history of both churches with more photos and text by Gertrude Tratt were displayed on two tables.

Working for this successful anniversary service, in addition to those already mentioned, were Linda Aucoin, Eleanor Sprague, Janice Smith, Bob Smith, Gwen Little, Betty Logan, Richard Logan, Twila McMaster, Martha Wilson, Garth Wilson, Ethel Gilroy, Hope Bridgewater, and Debbi DeLong.

2014 Andrew Yorke Memorial Bursary Recipients

Carole Fisher has announced the four 2014 Andrew Yorke Memorial bursary recipients: Emily Prescott- attends CEC, lives in Bass River and will be attending Ryerson University in Toronto; Brent MacCarthy attends Parrsboro High lives in Five Islands will be attending NSCC- Dartmouth.

Two other Parrsboro High students have been chosen as 2014 recipients: Will Eagles

lives in Five Islands and will be enrolling at NSCC- Amherst, while Jordan Cormier also a Five Islands resident will be attending Springhill Cumberland Campus of NSCC.

The annual washer toss event was held on June 21. Students are reminded to make a note to remind themselves to search next spring for information on the 2015 Andrew Yorke Memorial bursary competition.

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