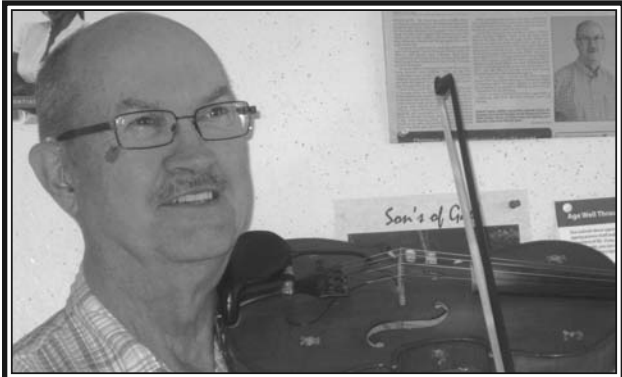




Wentworth Recreation Centre executive thank volunteer workers for their help during activities at the community hall. Standing up front during the presentation are: William Adams, university summer student, executive members Joanne Ferdinand, Laurel Adams, President Robert MacLean, Norah Topping, Brenda McLean, Helen Feeley, Gary Jollymore. Missing is executive member Andrew Keilty. (Hope Bridgewater Photo)



Fiddler Robert Taylor from Dartmouth is representative of the many volunteers who came to Wentworth to enjoy the dinner thanking volunteers all their work they do at the Wentworth Recreation Centre. (Hope Bridgewater Photo)

Dinner for Volunteers in Wentworth

By Hope Bridgewater

The Wentworth Recreation Centre was built after a nearby community hall burned to the ground, and during the years from 1988 to October 1990 the Recreation Centre was built for a price of \$500,000 and a hardwood floor installed after receiving local fund-raising and government grants. The official opening date was September, 1991. Since then many community activities have helped keep Wentworth an interesting place to live socially and culturally thanks to many volunteer executives and their volunteer workers.

On June 4, 2018, a dinner was held at the Wentworth Recreation Centre to give credit to many residents and visitors who participate in many community activities. A meet and greet was held for all to become familiar with one another. Following this was the dinner prepared and delivered by Wentworth Patsy's Diner and consisted of tasty lasagna, rolls, and peach cobbler with whipped cream. The Recreation Centre provided the drinks of tea, coffee, and the bar was open.

A note was passed around for everyone to read and it said, "It's good to be blessed. It's better to be a blessing." We took it to implicate that by volunteering, we were a blessing! It was our opportunity for all of us to give thanks to the following: to the many who bake for catered dinners; those who play music and work for our Sunday music and dance afternoon; Jeanette Murray who keeps the Monday night card parties going; Orland Carter, Brenda McLean, and Sheila Lynds helping at each Bingo game; Mike Law for developing a recreation program such as Pickle Ball, Andrew Keilty for yoga; Laurel Adams and Joanne Ferdinand for coordinating kitchen activities and most fund-raising ideas; the monthly business meeting; walk and talk; annual yard sale and craft show; features of well-known singers such as Tribute to Hank Williams; and monthly newsletter written and edited by Bob MacLean, Norah Topping and Carol Hyslop.

We are all grateful to Fire Chief Kevin Sprague who keeps the yard plowed in winter for all the activities and he does it for us free of charge. Other events or persons not mentioned here by name are appreciated as well for all their volunteer work and attendance.

All members of the executive need honourable mention for their tireless contribution each month and every day to keep the Recreation Centre a viable large community hall: Bob MacLean, Andrew Keilty, Joanne Ferdinand, Laurel Adams, Norah Topping, Brenda McLean, Helen Feeley, and Gary Jollymore. A university student, William Adams, has been hired for summer work due to the Recreation Centre receiving a government grant and will help the executive members and others carry out their mission.

The evening ended with a quick round of Trivial Pursuit (Cumberland County style). Here are six questions with answers:

- #1. Two copper mine locations in Wentworth? Answer: Feeley Mine in Lower Wentworth; Palmer Mine in West Wentworth;
- #2. First person in Cumberland County to hold the Sports and Leisure position? Answer: Stanley Cup Champion;
- #3. In 1861 how many USA dollars could be bought with a Canadian dollar? Answer: one Canadian dollar bought two USA dollars;
- #4. The Wentworth poet who wrote "I forgot my twist." Answer: Roy Swallow;
- #5. In 1923 the cargo ship "The Cumberland Queen" sank with a cargo of salt. What happened when the cargo of salt dissolved? Answer: "The Cumberland Queen" floated to the surface on March 5, 1923.
- #6. What is geode? Answer: An air bubble in volcanic rock where crystals grow, example is amethyst;
- #7. The French named the Bay of Fundy "fendu," which means? Answer: Bay of Split;
- #8. How long is the Six Mile Road to Wallace? Answer: Seven miles.
- #9. Name the five most popular Maple products? Answer: syrup, sugar, cream, butter, taffy;
- #10. What cargo did the Mary Celeste (built in Spencer Island) carry on that mysterious voyage in 1872? Answer: 1701 barrels of alcohol.

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