

## Officers elected at Truro Presbyterian AGM



Truro UCW Presbyterian Executive: L to R - front: Mildred Fulton, Katherine Cameron, Christine Urquhart, Jane Parker - middle row L to R: Letha Mowatt, Eileen Eaton, Thelma Redmond, Diane Creelman, Marion Blackmore - back row L to R: Brenda Leslie, Barb Burley, Elizabeth MacArthur. Missing: Ruth Matheson, Wendy Davidson, Ethel Miller, Sandra Pettis, Doris McCallum, Marilyn Smith, Audrey Selkirk, Elaine Nelson. (Urquhart Photo)

**By Chris Urquhart**

We recently held our Truro Presbyterian Annual Meeting on our storm date of Feb. 16th, at First United Church in Truro. There were 69 in attendance and it was a great day.

Program in the morning was by Cindie Smith who spoke to us about the RRFB (Resource Recovery Fund Board) and the importance of recycling and being good stewards of our earth. She was very interesting and ended up the morning with gifts for all of us.

In the afternoon we had the business meeting, installation of officers and a memorial service for our departed UCW ladies whom we lost in 2009. The officers for this new year are: Past President, Brenda Leslie; President, Barb Burley; Vice President,

Katherine Cameron; Recording Secretary, Christine Urquhart; Corresponding Secretary, Thelma Redmond and Treasurer, Sandra Pettis.

Other positions included: Nominations, Brenda Leslie; Press & Publicity Christine Urquhart, Archives, Eileen Eaton; Church in Action, Doris McCallum; Finance, Marion Blackmore; Stewardship, Elizabeth MacArthur; Supply & Welfare, Diane Creelman; Auditor, Ethel Miller; Presbytery Manse Committee: Ruth Matheson and Literature Wendy Davison.

Area Vice Presidents are: Mildred Fulton, Eileen Eaton, Marilyn Smith, Thelma Redmond, Jane Parker, Audrey Selkirk and Elaine Nelson.

The next rally will be the Spring Rally on May 11, 2010 in Collingwood.

## Masstown Community News

**By Chris Urquhart**

Winter has finally arrived after such unusually mild months, so, although we do seem to be complaining about what snow we have received! Seems like the human race is always looking for something to go on about. Maybe we need to be looking on the bright side and smile about all the good weather we have had and how we know that at this time of year any amount of snow that we do get won't last.

I am still avidly feeding the birds, and I understand that Mary Barley has had many folks drop by to see her cardinal. Some have even spent days trying to get a good photo of it! If you have any interesting birds in your back yard, let me know so that I can pass it along to other interested "birders".

Masstown UCW will meet on Thursday March 4th at 2pm, our last afternoon meeting for this year as we will go back to our evening meetings in April. This meeting will be held at the Church and we will be doing our World Day of Prayer program. All ladies welcome to join us for this and any of our meetings.

The DGM Men's Club will hold their breakfast meeting on March 6th, 8am at the

Double C Restaurant in Glenholme. All men in our three communities welcome. For more information on the Men's Club you can call Keith Baas 662-2255.

There will be a St. Paddy's Pot Luck Supper on Saturday March 20th, 4:30-6pm at the Masstown United Church. Adults \$8, children under 12 \$4. Everyone welcome! Come for tasty dishes and supreme desserts.

Coffee Parties will be held at 2pm on March 10th and March 24th. Come out and enjoy a good time visiting your neighbours and friends. Get some goodies off the Bake Table and let your children play in the play room. Everyone Welcome!

The Masstown Community Association will meet on March 9th, 7pm at the Masstown Market. All members of our community and any interested persons are welcome to attend this meeting.

Visiting this month we have Jennifer Barley and her children Logan and Shyan Barley from Grand Prairie visiting with Jack and Mary Barley.

Condolences go out this month to Georgina MacRae and family on the death of her brother Leonard Ralph Walker.

## Chiganois Notes

**By Linda Harrington**

Two fundraisers for Haiti Relief were held in February and a total of \$551.61 was donated to the Red Cross. Students entered a "Guess the Teacher's Baby Photo" contest and a Penny Parade was held. These funds will be matched by the government. Well done, Chiganois!

Primary registration was held on January 28th and there are currently 27 students registered for fall 2010. Please contact the school if you know of any new primary students who have not yet registered.

The Chiganois PTG is holding a fundraiser at the school on March 6th starting at 8:30AM. This is a pancake breakfast with the Truro Bearcats. The cost is \$3.00/person and includes pancakes, milk, tea and coffee.

The PTG is pre-selling tickets to the breakfast. For more information please call Michelle Smith at 662-2177 or Heather Putnam at 662-3830.

The Pancake Breakfast will kick off Winter Carnival Week from March 8th to the 12th. Students who take part in the activities will have their name entered for a draw to win some cool prizes. The PTG will provide snacks everyday of Winter Carnival at recess.

Monday, March 8th is PJ Day, Tuesday, March 9th is

Crazy Hair Day, Wednesday is Backwards Day, there is no school for students on Thursday, March 11th and Friday, March 12th will be outside activities such as snow sculpting and games.

There is no PTG meeting in March, the next meeting will be April 15th.

The Library had a collection of books on display all of February in honor of Black History Month.

The Grade 5 Ski Trip to Wentworth is on March 1st.

Sammy Snow Plow is coming to the school on March 2nd for a safety demonstration.

After school Volleyball is held on Mondays, skating is held in Debert on Tuesdays after school. Skating will be over for the year on March 9th. Mondays and Wednesdays, at recess, is Kilometer Klub. Congratulations to Devin Bates and Matthew Higgins who have accumulated 140km so far!

Second term report cards will be going home on March 8th. Parent-Teacher Interviews will be held in the evening of March 10th and the afternoon of March 11th.

March Break is the 15th to the 19th. Enjoy some family fun taking part in winter activities.

The Chiganois Spring Fundraiser will take place from March 29th to April 13th. A gift catalogue will be available for ordering.

## March Church Schedule

**By Chris Urquhart**

Church services for the month of March will be: every Sunday 9am Erskine United, Glenholme; alternating services between Masstown and Debert with Sunday School at 10:15am: March 7th - Masstown, March 14th - Debert, March 21st - Masstown and March 28th - Palm Sunday - Debert. We welcome everyone to join us for our Church services and invite you to bring your children along to Sunday School.

## Ursula Lynds Steps Down As UCW President



Ursula Lynds, left has passed on the position of President of the Erskine UCW to Marie McElhinney, right. Ursula had been President for the last 43 years. (Harrington Photo)

**By Linda Harrington**

Ursula Lynds has been President of the Erskine UCW, of Glenholme, for the past 43 years. She completed her final term in December, 2009.

There have been many changes in membership over the years but Ursula has remained the President even after a move to Truro in 2000. "The UCW has been meeting monthly in my apartment since I made the move to Truro," she says.

"I am 95 and I decided in December that my eyesight was getting too poor to continue as President but I am

still a member and the meetings are still being held here."

Marie McElhinney has taken over the position as President of the Erskine UCW. She reflected on her own age and laughed as she says, "I told the members I promise not to hold the position for 43 years."

Ursula has always enjoyed her years as President. "We worked hard over the years but they have been great people to work with. Everyone was very cooperative and there were no problems."

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