

KAOS Makes First Venture to Canada



The Snowmobile Association of Nova Scotia hosted a Youth Program on Sunday, Feb. 16th in Folly Lake. 16 youth from across the province took part in the program with a follow up snowmobile ride to Patterson Dam in Belmont Mountain. (submitted)

By Linda Harrington

On Sunday February 16, 2014 a group of 16 youth ages 9-19 from around the province met at the Fundy Snowmobile Club in Folly Lake. The Snowmobile Association of Nova Scotia (SANS) started the initiative of forming a youth program for the next generation of snowmobilers.

Youth from around the province were invited to attend a session which hosted two teenagers from Wisconsin, USA and their Youth Coordinator. They introduced their program to our youth and explained the leadership skills they have received, as well as, safety lessons while driving a snowmobile. They have traveled to many states across the

United States sharing how they started their Youth program called KAOS- Kids and Adults on Snowmobiles. This was their first trip to Canada.

They were very pleased with the warm hospitality they received while visiting Nova Scotia. While they were here they got to visit Peggy's Cove, learned how to eat lobster, get out for a drive on the local snowmobile trails as well as attend a Valentines Dinner hosted at the Cumberland Snowmobile Club.

On Sunday they introduced the 16 youth to the program with a follow up snowmobile ride to Patterson Dam in Belmont Mountain with over 12 young riders. The ride was led by Carole Fisher, SANS

Youth Coordinator.

Stan Slack, SANS President along with Marsha Eddy and Carole Fisher have launched this program for our youth in the local and surrounding area. There were kids from Fall River, Scotsburn, Milford, Glenholme and many other locations excited to start their own group here in NS. The SANS Youth Committee plans to schedule another run for the youth program over March Break.

If any kids are interested in joining this program please contact Carole Fisher at carole@ditchdoctor.ca or Marsha Eddy at mjeddy@ns.sympatico.ca. All youth are welcome to attend. You do not have to own a snowmobile to participate in the group.

Skating Club Builds Snowman for Donation

With February 19th being another snow day it was put to good use when local resident Betty Ann DeWitt. After shoveling her deck, she realized great packy snow had fallen the night before making it perfect for snowman building.

She issued a challenge to the Parrsboro Skating Club via face book to come and build a big snowman on her front lawn on Main St. The prize? A monetary donation to their club. The only criteria was that it be at least 6 feet high.

Within an hour of the challenge, as many members of the club who could, and some parents arrived and immediately set to

work. With mittens donned and shovel in hand, amid lots of giggles, laughter and snow throwing, they created a great looking Olympic themed snowman. Well over the 6 footer asked for.

Their enthusiasm and willingness shows what a great thing these types of clubs can be to small towns who seem to struggle for "something to do". You won't find it so in this case. The skating club had something to do and they did it! Presenting Betty Ann with a fantastic reminder of the great youth and parents in this town. See photo on page 1.

Parrsboro Skating Club to Hold Closing Show

By Maurice Rees

The Parrsboro Skating Club will hold their closing show on March 6th at 6 P.M. at the Lions Centre and Rink in Parrsboro. The show's theme is "Around the World". The public is

invited to attend and support all the skaters and see a great show.

There will be a toonie toss with lots of great prizes and the Lions Canteen will be open for food and drink.

St. Patrick's Day at "The Band Hall"

By Patricia Burke

Mon. March 17, 2014 will see the return of the St. Patrick's Day Kitchen Party at 7 pm at "The Hall" in Parrsboro. Returning by popular demand will be "Hooligans Rough" and friends, who will keep you singing, clapping your hands and tapping your toes for the evening.

Cost for the party will be \$10.00 per person. Tickets can be purchased at the door. Bar will be available

and must be 19 or over. ID required. Mark your calendar and don't miss this party!

It is membership time at "The Hall". Why not become a member of a great organization. We have introduced some benefits for being a member. Price is \$15 or a family \$25.00.

If you are currently a member, it's your time to renew as well. Memberships can be paid for on our website at www.thehall.ca, under the

pay pal area. You can also pay for it with a credit card as well. For more info call Carolyn at 254-2442 or e-mail at carolynhenwood@east-link.ca



The Parrsboro Volunteer Fire Department members and volunteers shown with the stacks of food collected during the brigade's second annual Food Bank Drive on Saturday February 8th. Donations were taken to the St. Georges Anglican Church for sorting and packing. (Randy Mosher Photo)

Great Village Elementary Notes

By Linda Harrington

A warm welcome to a new Grade 3 student, Erika Schroeder. Erika lives with her parents and older brother in Londonderry. We also welcomed Mrs. Rose, Educational Assistant, back to GVES.

Next year's Grade Primary students registered for school on Thursday, February 13. There are currently sixteen students registered for the 2014-15 primary class. If you know of anyone who has not yet registered, please ask them to contact the school.

February was African Heritage Month.

Parents are reminded that when busses do not travel on gravel roads in the morning, the regular practice is that the busses will not travel on these roads in the afternoon, even if the road conditions improve throughout the day.

The Home & School recognized all staff, including the bus drivers during Staff Appreciation Week, Feb. 10th until the 14th. Teachers received a piece of art created by the students, and support staff received home baked cookies. Lunch was provided one day, as well.

Students meet in Peace Groups each month to participate in activities related to that month's Virtue.

For "responsibility", student learned about the importance of being responsible and discussed how to

show responsibility in a variety of settings (e.g. school, home, while visiting at a friend's). Students illustrated one way in which they are responsible at school and at home.

February's Virtue was "friendliness" and Valentine's Day activities included Friendship Stations. School was cancelled on Feb. 14th so the Stations were carried over until Feb. 17th. Students made friendship bracelets, heart shaped wind chimes and participated in other fun activities. The school all went skating at the West Colchester Rink in the afternoon.

Report cards will be sent home on Monday, March 3rd with student-led conferences

on the evening of

Thursday, March 6th and the morning of Friday, March 7th. Parents are reminded that information on student progress can be found on Power School through the Parent Portal. Parents who have yet to sign up to be able

to access this information are encouraged to contact the school office for more information. School bulletins are also posted on Power School.

March Break will begin on March 10th until the 14th. Have a safe and fun holiday from school



Ann Palmeruk serves tea to Ellen Putnam, Gail Hines, Rosemary Baas and Marjory Clarke at the Masstown United Church Valentine's Day Tea on Feb. 12th. (Harrington Photo)



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