



Approximately 15 people attend the first Candlelight Peace Vigil service at Veterans Memorial Park on February 11. (Carol McNutt Photo)



An assortment of candles shine a bright light upon the monuments at Veterans Memorial Park, Bass River during the February candlelight peace vigil service. (Carol McNutt Photo)

## Candlelight Vigil Held at Veterans Memorial Park

By Joy Snibur Wyatt Laking

An evening Candlelight Peace Vigil was held on Saturday, February 11 at the Veterans Memorial Park in Bass River. Approximately fifteen people attended, one travelling all the way from Halifax. This was an event to have people think about what peace means in today's world.

With an American president who is trying to lead by instilling fear and hate, we all need to appreciate how precious our peaceful life in Nova Scotia is. We all must work together to foster, love, inclusion, human right and peace. The Veteran's Park was beautiful by the light of candles and the full moon.

After the ceremony those in attendance gathered at the Bass River Fire Hall to warm up, have a snack and talk about peace. There were post cards available to write to various government leaders. Everyone is all encouraged to visit a blog containing the speeches of various Nobel Peace Prize Winners at <https://thenobelpathto-peace.wordpress.com>.

**Anyone who is interested in being notified about future peace initiatives or anyone who would like to organize another peace event, please email Carol McNutt at [mcnutt.carol@gmail.com](mailto:mcnutt.carol@gmail.com) or Joy Laking at [laking.joy@gmail.com](mailto:laking.joy@gmail.com).**

## Central Nova Animal Hospital Celebrates 30<sup>TH</sup>



Central Nova Veterinary Animal Hospital, Bible Hill held a 30th anniversary open house from 5-7 pm on February 24th. Included in the celebrations were refreshments, prize draws and tours of the facility.

## Masstown Community News

By Christine Urqubart

The weather has been unpredictable as is usual in February. I hope you have been careful not to overdo it when clearing up the snow in your yards! Also hope you have remembered to keep feeding the birds, it is hard for them to find substance when we have such a deep amount of snow. But with the rains that have also arrived along with the snow we carry the hope of spring in our hearts.

On Thursday March 2nd the Masstown UCW will meet at the home of Irene Gratto. All ladies welcome. We will be going over some of the World Day of Prayer materials.

The early part of March is busy with a number of events. On Friday March 3rd the World Day of Prayer services will be held at Debert United Church at 2pm. This year the service is written by the ladies of the Philippians. Everyone is welcome to attend the service. The collection goes to help those in need in the Philippians.

On Saturday March 3rd the DGM Men's Club will meet at the Double C at 8am for their breakfast meeting. All men welcome! On Monday March 13th the Masstown Community Association will meet in the restaurant part of the Masstown Market. Everyone welcome! The Association will be selling tickets on a Mother's Day Basket. Tickets \$1 each or 3 for \$2. You can get your tickets from any Association member. The winning ticket will be drawn on Saturday May 6th at noon at the Masstown Market.

There will be a St. Patrick's Day Coffee Party at the Masstown United Church on Wednesday March 15th, 2pm. There will be a bake table and there is a great play room for the children! Everyone welcome!

The West Colchester Community Association are trying to get started back up again. If you haven't heard about this yet then stop in to the Great Village Legion on Monday March 6th 7pm. Lots of information available!

By making a donation to the Cobequid Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre, attendees were able to have their pet's portrait taken by Kate Messer.

Recently there has been a lot of talk in the news about the problems our teachers are having. Let us all be thankful for our teachers, those dedicated souls who spend each day in the classroom trying to teach our children about so many wonderful things! I remember the thrill of learning to read (and that wasn't yesterday either!). I also remember my poor teacher trying to get the theorems of geometry into my head - didn't work! But he sure tried. I believe that our teachers have reasons for their complaints about overcrowding in the classrooms, not enough help with extra activities, old textbooks and more! So.....take a

look in the mirror and thank a teacher for your knowledge.

Condolences go out this month to Ethel Slocum and family on the death of her

nephew, Stuart Hatfield.

"Children seldom misquote you. In fact, they usually repeat word for word what you shouldn't have said."

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