



Smelt run...a sure sign of Spring! The Portauipique River was lined with fishermen on April 22nd. (Harrington Photo)

## Londonderry Community News

By Sally Richard

Shep Scott reported the ice is gone at Sutherland's Lake. He stated that on April 13 it started to go and on the 14th it just seemed to sink all at once. Warren Scott said the geese are back in the lake. They usually nest there and will stay until their young can fly and the lake gets busy with boaters. At the time of writing the temperature is forecast to be in the high teens. With summer on the horizon, it is exciting to prepare for a warmer season and a change in lifestyle.

You have heard the old adage that in spring a young man's fancy turns to love. It did for Dan Mattix. He completely surprised his wife Peggy with a trip recently. Peggy came home from work on a Friday and was told to pack her suitcase for Cuba for the Saturday afternoon flight. Dan made all the plans including arranging time off work for Peggy and was able to keep it a secret. In my opinion, that is romantic! Other travelers were Ed and Carlotta Langille to Dominican Republic and Glenn and Dennise Miller to Florida. Bertha and Pete Johnson are home after spending a few months in Florida visiting their daughter Jocelyn and husband Ray.

On March 24, the Council catered a roast pork dinner to the Great Village & District Firemen's Banquet. It was not without incident. First of all, the hot water tank blew causing kitchen problems and then near the end of the meal the fire alarm sounded calling the firemen off to a grass fire

in Glenholme. All and all it was quite an evening. Our thanks to Jim Hudson for coming to our rescue immediately and for installing a new tank the next morning.

Amanda Langille, Londonderry Station, has started a home based business. She is an independent stylist for Stella & Dot, a well known jewelry designer company featured in many fashion magazines. Stella & Dot offer a unique line of accessories to suit your wardrobe. Amanda presented the line to a group of Londonderry ladies at a booking recently. It was a fun two hours. We wish Amanda much success in her new adventure.

Our condolences to the family of the late Donald Dahr, Sutherland's Lake, on his sudden passing on Easter week end and also to the family of the late Margaret Beaton, Sutherland's Lake on her passing. Of local interest, a recent obituary in the Truro News recorded the passing of Mabel Irene Copp on April 9, 2012. Mable lived in New Glasgow. She was born and raised in Londonderry with 5 sisters and 3 brothers. Many older residents will remember the Copp family.

Our monthly meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at 7 pm. The upcoming meeting is election of officers for the next year. We need a larger membership. Please feel welcome to attend. Card parties are held on Monday nights at 7 pm. A light lunch is served. Contact Amanda Langille for hall rental inquiries (668-2300).

## Great Village Garden Club PLANT SALE MAY 12<sup>TH</sup>

By Patti Sharpe

After two cancellations due to weather and road conditions, a business meeting of the Great Village Garden Club was held at Faith Baptist Church on Thursday, March 29, 2012.

Linda Giddens reported the old strings of lights from the community tree have been given to the Great Village Community Association. Christmas 2012 will see the community tree at St. James United lit entirely with LED lights.

Sybil Flemming reported on behalf of the program committee with regard to the Club's plans for our 60th anniversary celebration. The celebration will feature "60 Years of Memories", a presentation by Arthur Haskins, followed by a social time, lunch and a birthday cake. Individuals who played a role in the Club's history will receive invitations. There are also plans to plant a tree in honour of our charter members. Patti Sharpe agreed to approach the Legion about planting a second magnolia at the Great Village cenotaph.

Discussion took place regarding the annual perennial plant sale scheduled for Saturday, May 12 at 10:00 a.m. The Great Village School gym has been booked and an ad has been placed in the Scotia Gardener and on the NS Association of Garden Clubs website. Other avenues for free advertising and announcements were named, and Patti Sharpe will make those contacts. Further plans will be made at the April meeting.

The annual convention of the NS Association of Garden Clubs will be held June 8-10, 2012 at the Old Orchard Inn in Wolfville. Linda Giddens and Arthur Haskins will attend as the club's delegates.

General discussions regarding spring signs of bulbs and plant material followed along with lunch.

The next meeting will be on April 24, 2012 at Faith Baptist Church at which time we will be joined by special guests to celebrate the Club's 60th anniversary as we look back on 60 years of activities and memories.

## Speech from the Throne WHAT ABOUT EDUCATION?

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I have repeatedly asked the Minister of Education to stop the attack on public education and I have asked that the Minister of Finance stop playing games with the students of this province. Both have refused.

I have asked all members of the NDP Caucus to sign a petition (Kids Not Cuts) to show their support for our students. Once again they have refused. We know that in Colchester County there are three elected members, Colchester/Musquodoboit Valley, Truro/Bible Hill and Colchester North. I am disappointed to say that of those three, I was the only one to publically show support for students and sign that petition. In fact, all members of the NDP Caucus voted against that request. The Minister of Education who should be the champion for our students

and who was once a classroom teacher, has failed to stand up for students.

The Minister of Finance has used declining enrollment to justify cuts to education. I know that declining enrollment is already accommodated through the funding formula that is used to provide funding to School Boards. However, School Boards have been forced to cut and will continue to cut positions within their Board well beyond those positions lost due to declining enrollment.

In addition to taking money away from front line workers like teachers in the

## Great Village Fire Brigade News

By Kathy Simpson-Giles

Our annual banquet was held last month and we first of all want to sincerely thank Kathy and Cheryl Slack for all their work to put it together for us. As always, it was a wonderful evening.

The second honorable mention goes to the crew of caterers at the Londonderry Community Association who catered a mouth-watering roast pork dinner. Thank you again for a wonderful meal.

Firefighter of the Year- This award is voted on by the general membership and is given to the person who most shows the qualities of a good fire fighter. This Year, the award went to Jeremy Smith.

Officer of the Year- Officer of the year is also chosen by the membership and awarded to the officer who best fits the characteristics of an officer and it was Joe Slack who received the award this year.

Claude O'Brien Award- Claude O'Brien was a gentleman who truly believed in helping his fellow human beings. He would see a need in his community, and without looking for any credit, would quietly slip in and see that the job got done, friend or stranger it did not matter to him. The recipient of this award is voted on by our members and they chose Douglas Congdon.

Most Improved Firefighter- This award is chosen by the officers and goes to the member who, over the past year has worked on their skills and shown the most progress as a firefighter. Jeremy Smith was the recipient this year.

Junior Firefighter of the Year- The most improved Junior is chosen to receive this award by the officers of the Brigade. Drew Lundie was our Junior this year.

Steve Francis Award- Steve was an active member of both the fire brigade and the community. He was visible at all community events and loved to help out. The Steve Francis Award goes to a business to show our appreciation for their community spirit throughout the year. With our thanks, Wilson Gas Stop received this award.

Recognition also goes to the following members for their years of service: Dave Lundie for 55 years, Larry Kinsman for 45 years, and Jeremy Smith, Jenny Best and Dave Best each for 5 years' service.

Mark 05 May on your calendar for our Annual Auction. As always, it will be held at the Fire Hall from 10 a.m. until sellout. Any donations would be appreciated. They can be dropped off at the hall on Wednesdays or call 668-2784 for pick up.

education system and health care workers in our province, this NDP government continues to allow power rates to rise and gasoline prices to escalate.

The Leader of the Official Opposition and Leader of the Liberal Party, Stephen McNeil, has asked repeatedly that the Premier address some of these rising costs that are making it less affordable for Nova Scotians to make ends meet. In fact, he introduced legislation that would break the monopoly that Nova Scotia Power has in this province.

He has also called for an audit of Nova Scotia Power which would disclose the

huge bonuses paid to some of their employees. Once again members of the NDP government voted against this legislation, legislation that was designed to make it easier for you to pay your bills. Without this legislation Nova Scotia Power will continue to give their profits to their parent company Emera and it will allow Emera to continue to invest that profit in the Caribbean and other places rather than here in Nova Scotia.

That profit is part of your hard earned dollars and mine and I want those profits to stay in Nova Scotia.

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# You Can Too!

Please join us for a community meeting at:

Thirsty Church, Londonderry, May 7, 7pm

Why attend?

- If you seek funding for a healthy community-related initiative.
- participate in a discussion about your health, health promotion and prevention programs and the health of your community.
- If you would like to know more about your CHB

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