

5th Annual Umbrella Relay Walk a Huge Success



Luceille Adams(left) and Rosemary Swanson(right) started off the Umbrella Relay Walk in Portapique. They were joined by organizers Rev. Florence Antle-Brison and Darlene Stone. The Relay began at the same time in Lower Five Islands and proceeded to cover the entire Cobequid Pastoral Charge.(Harrington Photo)

By Linda Harrington

The sun was shining on the beautiful morning of Sept. 12th, but a group were observed carrying umbrellas as they walked along Hwy #2. They weren't overly anxious about the weather, but were actually participating in the 5th Annual Umbrella Relay Walk.

Twenty-eight participants walked in 2 km intervals between Lower Five Islands and Portapique. Rev. Florence Antle-Brison says over the past four years more than \$20,000 has been raised from this event and she was pleased to report the goal of \$5000 for this year had already been exceeded. "The ultimate purpose of the Umbrella Relay is to nurture the spirit of working together on the Cobequid Pastoral Charge. The \$6083.50 raised in the walk is the icing on the cake, so to speak," she says.

Some walkers do more than the suggested 2 km interval, some walk in pairs or teams of 4, but they all walk for a common goal. "We start at each end of the charge and meet in the middle. We celebrate our walk at the United Church in Economy with a lunch and the presentation of certificates," says Rev. Antle-Brison.

So why do they carry umbrellas for the relay? Darlene Smith says during originally planning for the walk there was concern about what to do if it rained on the day of the relay. Since it had to go ahead rain or shine, we decided to carry an umbrella. "It is

also a nice way to represent that all three of our Churches are under one umbrella," says Darlene.

Seven original planning members have continued with the walk each year. Dorothy Carson, Noreen Lewis, Carole Dibbon, Ray Dibbon, Shirley Soley, Darlene Smith and Luceille Adams received special certificates in honour of their involvement from 2005-2009.

Rev. Antle-Brison had quite a stack of other certificates for each of the walkers, as well. "We give out special certificates for those that walk Economy Mountain, and to the 15 people who have walked each of the 5 years, and the youngest and oldest walkers, to name a few," she says. "This year our Most Senior Walker was Joyce Starratt, who is 89 years of age and the youngest walker was Jody Faulkner. We have had walkers as young as five years old in the past."

A trophy was presented to the Bass River Team of Betty Fulton, Arnold Williams and Dale Lawson for bringing in the most money.

For the third consecutive year, Mrs. Hazel Linkletter won first prize for collecting the most money. Second prize went to Mrs. Betty Fulton.

Our sincere appreciation to all those individuals who worked so diligently in collecting the money and in walking to help make our Umbrella Relay Walk such a success," says Rev. Antle-Brison.

Out and About with Ken

By Ken Kennedy

Some of you might have noticed that my column was missing from the Shoreline last month. That was because we were away on a camping vacation and nowhere near a computer.

We left home on Aug. 7th and met up with son Greg and family at Old Orchard Beach campground in Maine. It was quite chilly for the first few days but the sun finally came out and it got really hot. Of course that brought the sun-worshippers out and the seven miles of white sandy beach was packed with people. The beaches are pretty safe there as police patrol on 4-wheelers, bikes, and by foot. We were in our truck camper and Greg, Cindy and the twins had a hard-top tent trailer. We were a little cramped but it was cozy and warm. After about nine days we left and followed them back up to Newmarket, Ontario by way of North Conway, NH. It seems we can never get past that shopping town without a stop-over. It seemed the six-year-old grandkids needed new school clothes so Greg and Cindy stocked up. (Cindy and Velma didn't need much coaxing! Guess who sat in the truck most of the time while they shopped?) The next day we headed for Newmarket as they wanted us to stay a bit longer, so we stayed another week there. Unfortunately, I lost the keys to the truck one day and had to phone home to get daughter, Pam, to come home and express post us the spare set. The original set had a war-amps tag on them so they may show up eventually. (Editor's Note: Thanks to War Amps, the keys arrived on Monday, September 21. Ken's always poking fun at others, so I wonder if Ken got lost would Velma want War Amps to return him?).

While we were away there was much activity around Debert what with the new sidewalk at McCulloch's Corner and all. (That was the original name to what is now known as Barnhill's Corner.) They did a good job on it at the expense of tearing down the old Crowe/Cummings property and taking some of Howard Geldart's and the post office's front lawn. It's been a long time coming. It seems to me that we called for that to be done when I was on the original community council about 20 years ago. It's still a dangerous intersection, however, and a flashing amber/red light should be there as well.

I see also where the DND rifle range has a new high chain-link security fence. This has been a long time coming as well. It seems they always had a problem with unauthorized entry - of people, and animals as well.

I poked my head in through the Masonic Hall

door on Saturday to see how the bi-monthly musical jam-sessions were going. Two of the "Rushton Boys" (Joe and Roy) were on the door and someone was up playing the fiddle and another step-dancing his heart out. So, all in all, it looked like they were having a good time and they always get a full house.

Speaking of the Rushton Boys, I see where Harold has won free gas - twice - at the Mastown Motel XTR gas tanks. That gives him 50 litres of free gas in the past couple of months. My turn should come soon.

That same evening I emceed the Debert Baptist gospel coffee house for the ninth year. We had been having low turnouts in the Spring and we weren't sure if we would start up again but we had 44 people out and some good old gospel music and favourite hymns. Ida Mae Myers looked after the kitchen duties as Velma had come down with the makings of a severe head cold and didn't want to spread it around.

Speaking of Vell, she is very busy being "retired." She had been called in to supply at Chiganois Elementary for a few days which turned out to be a month. This is her 49th year of teaching. She started teaching when she was sixteen in the Kennetcook/Noel area. Next year, she swears, will be her last. Can you believe it? Not me.

Former Debert resident Don Davidson has been busy this summer touring around Nova Scotia with his sister, Rita, from out West, as well as his son, Frankie from South Carolina. Don is proud to announce that he is now a great-grandfather of twins to Frankie's daughter Amanda..

Speaking of Don, the couple who now live in Don's old house on Mastown Road in Debert, Bruce and Carol Wynn, both had sadness in their lives recently as Carol's mother, Hilda Stevens died on Aug. 6th at the ripe old age of 96. Then about a month later Bruce's mother died in Cape Breton at the age of 92.

Birthday's in September that I know about include Linda (Eric) Chapman, Jane Boehm, John Price, Bob and Ardath King, Bev Ferguson, and Doug Slack (92 on 29 Sept.). Anniversaries include Eric and Priscilla Jennings and Ross and Ann Roberts. It seems I'm forgetting something. Oh yes, Velma and I will be married 44 years on Oct. 9th. (Better not forget that!)

Yesterday I went down to Bass River to join Larry Tirrell and the small congregation at the Baptist church for their morning service. I went down to get a feel for the order of service as I will be preaching there on Oct. 4th. Larry had a good message and I was then invited to stay for their



Featured during the Wentworth Wild Blueberry Quilt Fair and Tea held at the United Church are Joan MacKay (left) of Riverview, New Brunswick and Thelma Redmond (right) of Wentworth holding the quilt called Bouquet of Flowers and Doves owned by Gwen Locke and quilted by her Aunt Nettie. The Wentworth Wild Blueberry Quilt Fair and Tea was one of the many events held during the August Wild Blueberry Harvest Festival. (Bridgewater Photo).



Attending International Peacekeepers Day ceremonies at Veteran's Memorial Park, Bass River are Tom Taggart, Councilor District 10; Karen Casey, MLA and Interim leader Progressive Conservative Party of Nova Scotia; Jim Chipman and Scott Armstrong, PC candidate for Cumberland-Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley. (MacVicar Photo).

monthly lunch in the vestry. The ladies put on a good meal as we celebrated Brenda and Melvin's birthdays. You should see the newly restored pump organ(s) that were used during their recent 167th anniversary service.

After the service I noticed people gathering at the Veteran's Memorial Park and found out there was going to be a service there to commemorate International Day of Peace. Heather Robinson

was handing out small Canadian Flags, lapel pins, and white poppies. I hadn't seen this done before. There were a number of speeches and prayers in various languages and the unveiling of a new sculpture of the world draped in barbed wire topped with the dove of peace. A very moving ceremony indeed.

That's about all for now, folks. See you next month, God willing.

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