

Newly elected 2015 BCA Board step up to volunteer in community



by Laura Dudas, BCA President

I am proud to say that I will continue to serve you and this community for another year as the President of the Blackburn Community Association alongside a newly elected board of directors for 2015.

Elections were held at our Annual General Meeting in January and I am pleased to announce that some new faces joined our team of seasoned volunteers—all of whom will continue to work to make our community the best place it can be.

The BCA, and in fact our community, wouldn't be what it is if it weren't for volunteers. In the coming months, the BCA will continue to look for individuals who are

Back row: Jody Mitic, Jeff Miller, François Trépanier, Al Ross, Laura Dudas, Brent Lawrie, Evelyn Budd. Front Row: Norm Robillard, Ali Yassine, Kaitlyn Demasi, Cheryl Sheryl Tracey . Missing: Laurie Trépanier, Jan Whitehouse.

interested in getting involved to ensure that we are constantly incorporating new people and their ideas into our services and programming. See pages 11 to 13 for the various BCA roles and responsibilities. If you are interested in getting more involved in the Hamlet, contact me at president@blackburnhamlet.ca.

In the coming year, the BCA will be delivering its schedule of popular annual events and programs. We also have a new Seniors Advisory Committee that we will be recruiting members for in the coming weeks (see page 4 for details).

I will continue to develop connections with community groups and businesses across the east end to bring new investment and opportunities to our community.

As always, the BCA will be your voice on the issues that matter most to you. Don't ever hesitate to contact any of our board members, including myself, to express concerns or bring our attention to any issues that arise.

We are excited to get to work on another incredible year in the Hamlet. Bring on 2015!

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Recruiting seniors for the new Seniors Advisory Committee

by Laura Dudas

The Blackburn Community Association is looking for older adults from our community who can provide ideas and feedback on community initiatives as part of a new Seniors Advisory Committee.

The Committee will replace the recently disbanded BCA 50 + Group and will provide the BCA will important insight into the services, events and advocacy needs of older adults in our community.

The Committee will:

- Meet twice in 2015, with the first meeting scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on March 5, 2015 at the Blackburn Community Hall, 190 Glen Park Dr.
- Will include up to 20 members, all of whom must be 50 years of age or older.
- Members must live, work or volunteer in Blackburn Hamlet.

Interested members of the community must RSVP their attendance by February 27, 2015 at president@blackburnhamlet.ca.

Blackburn Community Association BCA Membership Renewal Form

Blackburn Hamlet is known across the region for being a friendly, active and progressive community. Please show your support for the Blackburn Community Association by purchasing your \$10 family membership. The membership fee helps pay for the BANAR and many of the other exciting projects.

- Please contact me as I am interested in volunteering in the community.
- Included is a \$10 cheque made out to "BCA" for a BCA Membership.

Mail to: Blackburn Community Association, P.O. Box 47062, Ottawa, ON, K1B 5B0 or contact François Trépanier at rftrepanier@gmail.com for more information.

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Preparing for FunFair 2015 on June 5–7th

Since 1971, the Blackburn Hamlet Funfair has been the most-loved tradition for the residents of Blackburn Hamlet and also surrounding communities. This year, the Funfair is scheduled for June 5th –7th and once again will be held at the Blackburn Arena, Community Hall as well as the surrounding green space. The Funfair committee held its first meeting on Monday, January 26th—lots of new and exciting ideas are being looked at!

How can you help?

The Funfair committee is always looking for volunteers. Volunteering is a great way to meet like-minded neighbours that are keen on getting involved in the community. Volunteers are needed to help with the planning, coordinating and supervising the many and various kinds of events. From one hour to a dedicated monthly commitment, any time that you wish to offer will be appreciated. All of the Funfair team members are volunteers that are keen to getting know you and your families through being involved in the Hamlet's event of the year.

Do you have gently used books that can be recycled through the book sale? Proceeds all go to the Blackburn community.

If you are a local business, consider sponsorship or donating items for the silent auction. You will receive visibility on our website, Banar and especially during the Funfair.

Our line-up!

The 2015 Funfair kicks off with a Friday night family movie.

Saturday morning begins with a delicious pancake breakfast and then around 10 am the Funfair parade travels down Bearbrook Road to the fairgrounds where all the action is happening. P.S. Email us if you have a idea for this year's theme.

The arena will be a showcase for local businesses, not-for-profit organizations and activities such as Rays Reptiles and the Bouncy castle, plus much more. If you are interested in having a table, contact us for further information.

Carter Shows Ltd will once again be setting up midway rides, games and food to keep you entertained for the weekend.

The stage will be in full swing Saturday afternoon and evening, with a fireworks display that will

please young and old alike.

Sunday morning, everyone is invited to join in the Family Fun Run, a great way to promote exercise for the whole family.

Contact us

Check out the Funfair website at www.blackburnfunfair.ca.

For information, send an email to infoblackburnfair@gmail.com.

To contact Brent Lawrie or Laurie Trépanier, the Funfair co-chairs, please email funfairchair@gmail.com.

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2015 Funfair co-chairs Brent Lawrie and Laurie Trépanier look forward to hearing from you.

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Gearing up for the Fourth Annual Blackburn Hamlet 5k run/walk Cancer Chase

by Bill Horne, Race Director, 2015 Cancer Chase

While it's still many months away, the Cancer Chase organizing committee is already hard at work. There are some significant changes in the works.

First, we are thrilled that Laura Dudas, the President of the Blackburn Community Association, has agreed to be the 2015 Cancer Chase Chair. Laura brings a huge amount of community experience and enthusiasm to her position.

We have also become an official committee of the Blackburn Community Association, like the Fun Fair, which solidifies our status, in things like event insurance. Having been the Fun Fair Chair in 1984, it's nice to be back in the BCA fold.

Next, we are pleased to announce that we have all the necessary approvals to relocate the Cancer Chase to the Greens Creek/Hornets Nest Soccer Park area. We will start from the Eric Danis Clubhouse, and then follow a variety of trails through the Greenbelt, including the delightful toboggan hill, and the fringes of the soccer fields, for a total planned course of 5.12kms (a bit more fun). Registration on the day of the event and the other Cancer Chase features will take place in and around the Clubhouse.

We are very grateful for the cooperation by the Gloucester Hornets Soccer, the City of Ottawa Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department, and the NCC Greenbelt Portfolio division in expediting the multiple approvals required for this significant change in venue.

This move will eliminate the possible conflict between participants and vehicles, and hence eliminate the considerable cost of engaging Ottawa Police Services to provide participant safety.

To accommodate soccer events, we also plan on moving the event back a few weeks, to Sunday September 27, at the usual 0900 start. Should be a little warmer than the past event!

We are updating the BCA website, and activating the



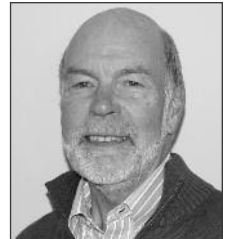
Running Room website for online registrations, and the link to the community events page on the Ottawa Hospital Foundation website as fast as we can. All proceeds go to the Ottawa Hospital Foundation for cancer research here in the National Capital Region.

All the other event features you have come to enjoy will take place.

Watch for us in the Fun Fair parade on June 6th.

As always, we welcome new faces and talents to the Cancer Chase organizing committee. You most certainly do not have to be a runner to join the team.

If you are interested in helping out, please contact me at 613-837-2166 or wghorne@rogers.com.



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Message from our new City Councillor—Jody Mitic

It's a pleasure for me, as the newly elected Councillor for Innes Ward, to be taking over this space to share information from my office and the City to the residents of Blackburn Hamlet.

Let me first begin by thanking Rainer Bloess for his 20 years of dedicated and unwavering public service to our community as Ottawa City Councillor for Innes Ward and Gloucester City Councillor for Blackburn Hamlet. Blackburn is forever in his debt for his leadership, determination and perseverance in representing the community.

I am proud to have been nominated by Mayor Watson to be *Ottawa's first Sports Commissioner*. Through this appointment I will be helping to support the City's efforts to attract more large-scale sporting events like the FIFA Women's World Cup that is coming to Ottawa this June. I'm also grateful to have been appointed to the *City's Community and Protective Services, Environment and Transportation Standing Committees, as well as the Accessibility Advisory Committee*. These committees are some of the best avenues to work on issues that we talked about during the campaign. As I begin my term at City Council, I am quickly *getting* into the City's budget process and bringing our community's important issues to the table. With my east-end colleagues, Councillors Monette, Tierney and Blais, we can expect great things for eastern Ottawa in

2015. While on the subject of the *2015 Budget, the east-end consultation is on Thursday, February 12th* in the Richcraft Theatre at the Shenkman Arts Centre. It runs from 7:30pm-9:30pm. I encourage you to attend and bring your thoughts on the Budget to this public consultation.

I am beginning the process of pushing for the *Innes Ward Community Hub* that I campaigned on during the election. I'd like to see the Arena get much needed upgrades, and to see the community hall get an expansion and bring about a new home for the Blackburn Library. There will be more news on this in the coming months. I did have a chance to talk briefly about this at the recent Blackburn Community Association Annual General Meeting. I'm happy to extend my congratulations to the new 2015 executive that was elected and my sincerest thanks to the outgoing 2014 Board members who are retiring. Thank you for serving your community!

On January 27th, I was proud to host a joint New Year's Levee for our community with all of our east-end political representatives. The event was a great way to show our community how all our elected officials are working together cohesively for the betterment of our community. My thanks to all of my colleagues, the Orléans Chamber of Commerce, Second Cup, the Eastern Ottawa



Community Resource Centre and the Orléans-Cumberland Community Resource Centre for helping make this event such a success. I look forward to making this an annual tradition.

It's also my pleasure to invite the Blackburn community and the entire Ward to join me at my *First Annual Family Day Skating Day* at the Blackburn Arena on Monday, February 16th, from 1:00pm-3:00pm. My office has rented the rink for a free public skate so bring the kids out for a skate, some hot chocolate and cookies.

Should there be anything I or my staff can assist you with, please don't hesitate to get in touch with my office at 613-580-2472 or send me an email at jody.mitic@ottawa.ca.

Thanks, everybody, and have a great February/March!

Jody

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Blackburn Community Association

Board of Directors, Roles and Responsibilities

Introduction

In accordance with the Blackburn Community Association's By-law, dated June 20, 2002, the property and business of the BCA shall be managed by a Board of Directors, comprised of a minimum of four directors (President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.)

As a reflection of the shifting needs of the Blackburn Hamlet community over time, the numbers, titles and roles of directors may be revised to address specific needs, or changing priorities, by a majority of the directors at a meeting of the Board of Directors. The decision must be sanctioned by an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members present at the meeting.

Directors must be members of good standing of the BCA, must be 18 years of age or older, with power to contract under law, and must be individual and not acting on behalf of an organization or group.

The Board of Directors shall consist of:

(a) the President, Vice-President, Past-President, Secretary, and Treasurer; and may consist of: (b) one director with responsibility for each of the following: Membership, Publicity (Communications), Civic Affairs, Environment, Sports, Recreation and Parks Board, Education, Culture, Community Groups Liaison, Children's Activities, Youth Activities, Seniors' Services, and Business Community.

So as to provide a clear understanding of the roles and responsibilities of each director and to ease the transition from one sitting director to someone newly elected to the position, this document outlines a general summary of each director's duties. These are meant to be guidelines and can be expanded upon by the individual holding the position.

President

The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Association. The President shall (a) ensure that regular elections are held in accordance with these bylaws (b) preside at all meetings and (c) issue the call for any members' meeting and meetings of the Board of Directors.

The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees and shall ensure that these committees function effectively and shall cooperate with the committee chairperson toward that end. The President shall require the Chair of each committee to provide regular reports to the Board of Directors. If, for any reason, the office of the President becomes vacant, the Vice President shall succeed in office followed by the Secretary and then the Treasurer.

Vice-President

The Vice-President substitutes and succeeds for the President in case of the President's absence or incapacity. The Vice-President shall, under the discretion of the President, oversee the functioning of any committees as the President may designate.

Secretary

The Secretary shall record and circulate the minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors and members and shall maintain such records of the Association as are from time to time deemed necessary and shall carry out such other duties as are related thereto.

Additionally, the Secretary will ensure that the minutes are up to date on the BCA website and that they are posted and made available to the public in a timely manner.

Treasurer

The Treasurer shall (a) maintain a record of all financial transactions of the Association (b) ensure all Association funds are deposited to an Association bank account or similar institution offering normal banking services as approved by the Board of Directors (c) ensure that two approved signing authorities are required on all withdrawals from Association accounts and shall ensure all monies paid out are on the authority of the Board of Directors and (d) prepare and submit a financial report to the Board of Directors periodically and report to the members at the annual general meeting (e) prepare and present a budget for the following year.

Director – Environment

The Director of Environment is responsible for overseeing environmental and sustainable practices by the BCA itself, at BCA events, and coordinating or supporting events related to the promotion of environmentally-sound practices in the community.

This Director will be involved in the following established BCA events held throughout the year:

- Spring Clean-up and BBQ—Held in on a Saturday in April from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on either the 3rd week or the 4th week (rain date)
- Garage Sale—First Saturday in May, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., (Sunday is the rain date)—Submit and order advertisements to publicize the event dates and provide information
- Community Tree Planting—Organized annually by local volunteers and supported by the BCA

Ongoing responsibilities may include:

- Applying for funding grants for environmental projects from the City or other levels of government or community groups when required
- Representing the BCA in matters pertaining to the environment

Director – Parks and Rinks

The Director of Parks and Rinks is responsible for ensuring that community parks and rinks infrastructure is safe and regularly maintained for their continued use by Blackburn residents. The Director is also the liaison with certain City personal to open and

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close the winter season (change cabin keys), as well as a liaison with the City maintenance group for parks. To be able to do that, the Director needs to manage time and people to ensure that all aspects of maintaining the parks and rinks are upheld.

The responsibilities for the Director are split in two cycles: late spring to early fall and winter.

- Late spring to early fall: the Director is responsible for hiring a summer student that will visit each park daily for a general clean up and to check the playground and structure for any damage or needed repairs. The Director reviews and outlines the responsibilities for the student
- Winter: the Director is responsible for hiring and assembling a team of people that are willing and capable of maintaining the outdoor rinks. This team will ensure that the change cabins are open and clean for users, that the ice surfaces are safe and usable as well as cleared of snow as required. The Director oversees the duties carried out by the teams and receives their feedback, as well as input from the community. The Director will also supply materials and equipment as required to enable his employees to fulfill their daily duties

Director – Community Relations (Communications)

The Director of Community Relations will be responsible for helping to advertise and publicize information and events on behalf of the BCA. This will include:

- Managing and regularly updating the BCA board in the Blackburn Library
- Posting information about events at local businesses if required
- Ensuring signage is prepared and ready for BCA events and removed after the event
- Working with the Editor of the BANAR and the Website Administrator when required and to ensure BCA information is up to date on all communications channels

This Director may be asked to represent the BCA at events organized by other community groups or organizations when a member of the BCA executive is unavailable.

Director – Website Administrator

The Director in charge of administering the BCA website will be responsible for the following:

Website:

- Ensure payment of domain names: both www.blackburnhamlet.ca and www.blackburnfunfair.ca and the hosting services
- Post community information and updates that are appropriate on the website in a timely manner, while ensuring they are factual and relevant
- Post new BANAR issues on the website and update the current and past issues links

- Keep information on the web page current and remove expired information
- Work with members of the BCA to advertise and promote BCA activities in coordination with the Director of Community Relations (Communications)
- Forward any emails received via the webpage to the appropriate members of the BCA

Facebook:

- Manage friend requests on behalf of the BCA.
- Enforce BCA protocol on the Facebook page (protocols to be established and approved in Q1 2015)
- Advise the BCA executive members (President, Vice-President) of any issues or concerns raised by Facebook users that would require a response by the BCA

Director – Seniors' Services

The Director of Seniors' Services would represent the needs of local seniors in the community at the BCA board level and would act as liaison between the BCA and older adults in the community when required. The Director would assist in the organization of BCA events or activities specifically designed for seniors in the community and would work with the Director of Community Relations to promote these activities.

If required, this Director would Chair the Seniors Advisory Committee, an ad hoc group of local seniors who provide feedback to the BCA in respect to matters related to older adults. (*This committee will be established in 2015*).

Director – Youth Services

The Director of Youth Services would represent the needs of local youth (ages 12 to 25) in the community at the BCA board level and would act as liaison between the BCA and youth in the community when required. The Director would assist in the organization of BCA events or activities specifically designed for youth and would work with the Director of Community Relations to promote these activities.

This Director's responsibilities include:

- Working with community organizations who provide youth programs in the community and with whom the BCA works in partnership with, including the Eastern Ontario Resource Centre (EORC) and the Gloucester Recreational Development Organization (GRDO)
- Coordinating (overseeing) the delivery of the youth drop-in at the Blackburn Community Hall in partnership with EORC and GRDO

Director – Membership

The Director of Membership is responsible for overseeing the sales of BCA memberships and ensuring that money collected from these sales is provided to the BCA Treasurer in a timely fashion.

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The Director is also responsible for:

- Promoting the benefits of the membership
- Developing partnerships with businesses in the community to provide incentives for BCA members
- Printing and maintaining a supply of BCA membership cards
- Finding volunteers to run the BCA membership sales table at the annual Fun Fair
- Attending BCA events as required to sell memberships
- Monitoring the BCA post office box for membership submissions

Subcommittee Chairpersons Roles and Responsibilities

The BCA oversees various subcommittees that provide specific services or events to the community and are chaired or administered by community members. These subcommittees are accountable to the BCA board of directors and provide annual updates to the board for funding purposes, as well as regular updates as required throughout the course of the year.

These positions receive an honorarium as established by the BCA board of directors at the BCA Annual General Meeting held in January of each year.

Fun Fair Chairperson

The Fun Fair Chairperson's responsibility is to organize and manage the BCA's annual Fun Fair event, including coordinating a team of volunteers who are assigned roles that will support the delivery of the event.

The Chairperson is responsible for:

- Holding meetings during the year as required in preparation for the Fun Fair in June
- Assigning and managing the roles of the team
- Acting as the liaison for city officials, entertainment owners, waste services, equipment rental, security, paid duty police, etc.
- Submitting all necessary applications and permits, including:
 - Reserve/rent the Blackburn Arena, ball diamond, soccer field, and Blackburn Park
 - A Special Event Application has to be filled out and submitted to the city by January
 - Special Occasion Permit for beer garden
 - Building permit for garden tent
 - Fireworks permit
 - Road closure notice
 - Noise exemption permit
- Acting as a liaison between the Fun Fair and the BCA board of directors

In addition to the various volunteer roles, the Fun Fair committee is also composed of the following positions:

- Treasurer
- Sponsorship
- Stage co-ordinator
- Operations/facilities
- Electrical
- Tickets
- Photographer & website
- Student volunteer co-ordinator

BANAR Chairperson

The BANAR Chairperson is responsible for the following:

- Collecting articles and photos of interest for Blackburn residents and businesses
- Collecting advertisements from local businesses
- Invoicing advertisers and depositing cheques
- Editing articles and ensuring factual content is correct
- Forwarding pdf to BCA President, Vice-President, and Director of Community Relations for final approval before sending to printers
- Ensuring advertising rates, deadlines, distribution dates, policies and procedures are published
- Arranging for distribution in Hamlet (and beyond for June issue)
- Updating delivery route cards/pdfs.
- Ensuring that the Blackburn Library and any local businesses interested in distributing the BANAR are provided with copies
- Attending BCA monthly meetings as required and providing regular reports
- Arranging for graphic design production and printing/delivery.

Community Hall Administrator

The Community Hall Administrator is responsible for the following:

- Managing bookings of the Blackburn Community Hall throughout the year (with the exception of when on vacation)
- Acting as a liaison between the BCA and the City Parks and Recreation staff in matters pertaining to the hall as required
- Ensuring that furniture, appliances, electronics, etc. that is provided by the BCA for community use in the hall is well maintained and replaced as required
- Escalating any issues with the hall to the BCA board of directors as required
- Working with the BCA executive to establish or revise hall rental fees

April 2012 (Updated December 22, 2014)

Nouvelles de la Chapelle Saint-Claude

par Viviane Côté-Maxwell

Le 18 octobre dernier nous avons eu une messe multiculturelle à l'église Sainte-Marie. Plus de 10 pays étaient représentés par des costumes traditionnels et/ou des drapeaux lors de la procession d'entrée à la messe de 17h. Des chants rythmés ont animé la célébration sans oublier la dégustation de mets des différents pays qui nous ont permis de fraterniser. À la demande générale nous vous invitons à venir à la 2ème édition le 17 octobre prochain. Gros merci au comité organisateur.

Savez-vous que notre curé, l'abbé Michel Pommainville a une collection de près de 700 crèches et qu'il en sort plus de 200 chaque



année dans le vestibule? Elles sont superbes allant de celles qui tiennent dans la paume à une grande qu'il a faite lui-même en terre cuite. Vous êtes invités à venir les voir en décembre prochain.

Nous sommes la famille de Dieu: l'Amour est notre mission. Voici le thème de cette année liturgique. Sur ce, nous vous disons bienvenue à Saint-Claude le dimanche à 11h.

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Wide Range of Hearing Aids now available

by Agnes Kowalski

Hearing aids may have been around for over a century, but with the introduction of advanced digital technology and specialized programming, a greater number of hard-of-hearing Canadians can truly benefit from today's hearing aids.

Digital technology allows greater flexibility and options to address hearing loss, such as programming for diverse listening environments (restaurant vs. home), wireless links, and the ability to discriminate speech in high background noise environments. Hearing aids can also support wireless connections to phones, televisions and other electronic devices.

Hearing aid technology range from low-cost basic devices right up to premium models. Different brands will also have different levels of performance, features, and options. So to ensure your specific needs are being met, select a hearing health provider who offers a wide range of hearing aids from all the top manufacturers.

The good news is that the sale of hearing aids in Ontario is governed by the Assistive Devices Program (ADP) through OHIP, and most clinics provide free hearing tests and consultations. Each Ontario resident is allowed an ADP grant of \$500 per ear (\$1000

for two hearing aids), through OHIP towards the purchase of new hearing aids every 3 years. This includes a full 60-day trial period, allowing the client to properly evaluate the hearing aids.

Generally, the price (after the ADP grant) for a hearing aid can range from \$595 for a budget model, \$1,195 for basic, \$1,350 for low mid-level, \$1,980 for advanced, and from \$2,895 for premium. Not everyone needs the higher-priced models, and a hearing aid clinic should offer the best solution possible for each client's needs and budget.

Hearing aids purchased from an authorized center carry a full three-year warranty and ongoing support for the device, with regular appointments for no-cost follow-ups, cleanings, checks and

reprogramming due to changes in hearing loss. Remember, the price includes both the hearing aid and ongoing support.

A full hearing test and consultation takes about 1.5 hours and utilizes a sound booth, diagnostic equipment and audiological software to determine an individual's ability to hear speech clearly in different listening environments. The choice of a hearing health provider is a very important one, so always select the practitioner you feel most comfortable with, and that you feel has your best interests at heart.

Agnes Kowalski is a Hearing Instrument Specialist who has been recommending, fitting and caring for hard of hearing patients over the past 17 years.

I told the doctor I broke my leg in two places. He told me to quit going to those places.

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Nouvelles des guides de la 4e Cie St-Claude

Après un voyage humanitaire au Pérou l'année commence avec 9 guides. Laissons-les nous raconter quelques activités depuis septembre.

Lors de notre camp au Lake Placid, nous avons eu la chance de monter sur une montagne de plus de 4000' de haut!. J'ai beaucoup aimé mon expérience car c'était la première fois que je faisais quelque chose du genre. Aussi j'ai trouvé le paysage époustouflant et la vue arrivée au sommet à couper le souffle! C'est une aventure que je n'oublierai pas de si tôt. Amélie, louve attentive.

Pendant ce camp nous sommes allées à Ausable Chasm. Nous avons fait du "rafting" et il y avait beaucoup de roches. Le radeau a fait un arrêt soudain et Emma et Jessica se sont faites éclabousser et sont devenues toutes mouillées. C'était vraiment drôle nous dit. Victoria

Madeleine nous raconte: aller a Screamers etait une première fois cette année et j'ai beaucoup aimé partager cette activité avec mes amies guides car elles sont toutes des sœurs pour moi. Nous sommes allées dans deux maisons hantées et sur la randonnée hantée



en camion. Nous nous sommes amusées pendant deux heures à la ferme Proulx et nous avons plusieurs bons souvenirs.

Comme chaque année les guides de la 4ème Cie organisent une sortie en groupe au Coyote Rock Climbing Gym. La plupart du temps nous grimpons à peu près tous les murs et de plus en plus à chaque année il y a de nouveaux murs. En tant que guide j'adore retourner au même endroit pour m'amuser et passer du temps avec mes amies nous dit Jessica.

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Le 4 décembre nous nous sommes rendues à Béatrice-Desloges pour leur spectacle de Noël et harmonies. Madeleine, Émilie et Émilie Brideau étaient dans l'harmonie de 8ème année. C'était de la très belle musique et il y avait beaucoup de gens. Il n'y avait pas de place pour s'asseoir! Toutes les autres personnes avaient pris les places nous dit Sophie.

Jessica et moi avons fait la guignolee ensemble. Nous avons amassé environ 50\$ pour la banque alimentaire. J'ai jamais aussi rit de m'a vie et je vais m'en rappeler et je vais manquer les guides l'an prochain nous dit Émilie.

Isabelle raconte que le jeudi avant Noël pour la réunion nous avons fait un échange de cadeaux. Tout le monde devait faire un cadeau pour une guide mais puisque nous ne savions pas pour qui, il devait convenir pour tout le monde. Plusieurs ont fait des pâtisseries ou quelque chose à manger. D'autres ont vraiment créé quelque chose de merveilleux. De plus nous avons le droit de voler le cadeau d'une autre. C'était très amusant.



Pendant notre camp d'hiver on a commencé à construire un quincey pour pouvoir dormir dedans. C'était pas mal difficile de transporter la neige avec des pelles et des plateaux. Après avoir fait une montagne de neige on est allée ramasser des bouts de branches de 8 pouces pour mettre dans la neige. En plus on a creusé l'intérieur pour dormir dedans. Cinq guides et Corinne ont dormis dedans après notre fête de Soleil! C'était amusant de la faire. J'espère qu'il va tenir écrit Elna.

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Le 10 janvier on est au camp d'hiver à SAJO et on a fait des choses intéressantes. Aujourd'hui on a fait de la tyrolienne dans la neige. Il y avait aussi une corde pour se balancer dessus et des tubes pour glisser (pas fonctionné). Les guides se sont amusées à faire tomber les autres et à faire des batailles de neige nous dit Emma.

J'ajouterai qu'il ne faut pas oublier la soirée Spa, les repas préparés, la randonnée en raquettes, les codes, le limbo lors de la soirée soleil... Nous étions 2 unités, Blackburn et Rockland. Et voilà que 2015 continue.



Chaque année les guides écrivent un court article pour un badge, puis avec leurs familles elles livrent 2 routes du BANAR en novembre et en avril et en font une sortie plein air de 2-3hres.

Why not deliver the Banar? Twice a year it is a family outing where each guide takes charge of 2 routes for a 2-3 hour outdoor community activity. Evelyn, the Banar lady, has often commented on what a good job they do.

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Blackburn History: Where did the name “Diceman” come from?

by Evelyn Budd

Perhaps you have noticed that we have a street and a park named “Diceman ...” and wondered why. Harold and Yvonne Diceman moved into the Blackburn area in the 1950s. Their home, as did other homes along that stretch, had a long driveway that started at Innes Road and went up to the top of the ridge. Today the house address is number 4 Ridgeburn Gate.

Harold always took an active interest in the area—sitting on the Greenbelt Council and on the first Planning Board—both volunteer positions at that time. He was particularly proud of the development of several residential areas in the then township of Gloucester during his 15 years on the Board—Beacon Hill, Pineview, Cardinal Heights, Orleans and more relevant to us—Blackburn Hamlet.

Harold’s military duties after the war turned from flying bombing missions to international designer of flags, coat of arms, military badges—a job he performed for over 25 years.


He did freelance design as well including creating house plans for his own home and that of his neighbour, Alan Beddoe (the red house on Ridgeburn Gate).

When Yvonne first came to Canada as a war bride, she worked with Mr. Beddoe on the Books of Remembrance for the two World Wars—a task which took 11 years of painstaking work. She was a trained textile designer and

calligraphist. This was followed by many government commissions—including the Korean War Book of Remembrance, the Newfoundland Book of Remembrance and the Orders and Decoration of Canada. Both Harold and Yvonne were also accomplished painters and painted many beautiful watercolour and oil paintings of landmark buildings and people in the community.

Source: Gloucester Leader Oct 1983






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WRITTEN IN THE STARS
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LOST IN SPACE
Wednesday, March 18th at 2:00 PM (60 minutes)—Constellation legends and more.... Stories, activities and crafts. Ages 7 to 12

CATCH A FALLING STAR
Thursday, March 19th at 2:00 PM (60 minutes)—Constellation legends and more.... Stories, activities and crafts. Ages 4 to 6.

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SPACE SCIENTISTS IN THE LIBRARY

Thursday, March 19th at 10:30 AM (60 minutes)—In this hands-on workshop children will make their own UV-detecting bracelet, experiment with the chemical reactions in rocket fuel and take the Mars challenge to find out if they've got what it takes to be an astronaut. Ages 7-12.

INTERGALACTIC VOYAGE

Friday, March 20th at 2:00 PM (60 minutes)—Navigate the universe in stories, activities and crafts. Ages 7 to 12.

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Holiday Closures

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ADULT PROGRAMS

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Monday, February 23rd – *Stones into Schools* by Greg Mortenson

Monday, March 23rd – *Blink* by Malcolm Gladwell

Monday, April 20th – *One Summer: America 1927* by Bill Bryson

Monday, May 25th – *Elegance of the Hedgehog* by Muriel Barbery

Monday, June 16th – *Extraordinary* by David Gilmour

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Message from Arteast

We would like to remind everyone of the artwork on our walls courtesy of the local art organization, Arteast.

New artworks are hung every two months. During February and March the work of Blackburn Hamlet artist, ARLETTE FRANCIÈRE, will be on display. The exhibition, titled SKYSCAPE BLUES features skies, whose rhythms and varied shades of blue evoke very distinct moods, as Arlette tries to capture the cosmic vastness through which our planet Earth spins us.

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The contest entry deadline is Monday, February 16th.

Contest details are available at the Blackburn Library and at <http://bibliooottawalibrary.ca/en/about/awesome-authors>.



Blackburn Hamlet Preschool

Open House on March 1, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

by Dawna Moore

We first met the teachers at Blackburn Hamlet Preschool at an Open House last March. Their warmth and genuine interest in the students' well-being and development was immediately evident. The decision to enroll our eldest son in the Blackburn Hamlet Preschool program was easy.

One of the greatest privileges offered by the preschool is the opportunity to participate in the "helping day." Helping day is an invaluable experience—one that my husband and I both treasure. We are given first-hand knowledge as to how our child's day is structured and we are given insights into his development that might otherwise have been lost had we chosen a less inclusive program. I cannot put into words just how amazing it is to share such an experience with your child—to see the pride in their eyes when their parent join in the fun.

You won't regret stopping in to meet the wonderful staff and parent volunteers at the Open House on Sunday, March 1st at Blackburn Hamlet Preschool.

Sharing Stories with Future Generations

by Evelyn Budd

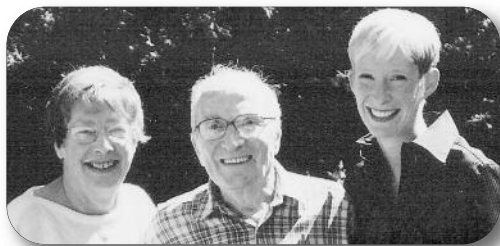
I have been fortunate in that I have heard many old and interesting stories of family and also of Blackburn, the community that I grew up in.

Last year I went to Amica and was teaching the basics of story-telling to people wanting to write their memoirs. We recorded some amazing heart-felt videos and now I would like to do some more. Geraldine of Amica and I look forward to offering a venue in which the old stories can be shared through print or video—and that would definitely include stories of Blackburn. I get requests for old Blackburn photos and stories so I know they will be well received.

These free sessions will be held on Fridays at 1:30 pm, February 20th to March 27th. You will learn how to write and tell your stories. More information is available at www.bookcoach.ca. To register for a Friday session (one or as many as you wish) please call Geraldine Dixon at 613-8378729, ext 225 or you may email her at g.dixon@amica.ca.

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Gloucester Horticulture Society

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February 16, 7:30 p.m. The February Forced Bulb and Preserve Show. Enjoy some colour in winter and have a taste of the wonderful preserves.

March 17, 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker Rick Cavasin: Butterfly Basics – Host Plants and Habitats. There are over 90 species of butterflies in the National Capital Region. If you've ever wondered why you don't see more than a handful of them in your garden, then this talk is for you. Rick will talk about the intimate connection between butterflies, their larval host plants, and the diverse habitats in which they grow.

April 20, 7:20 p.m. Guest speaker Judith Cox: Making Scents of your Garden. While we can see the beauty of a garden and hear the whirl of insects and taste our produce, the sweet smells of our garden are often forgotten. Judith will explore our sense of smell throughout the seasons. The beauty of scent adds a delicious layer to our gardening experience.

Amica at Bearbook Events

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Preparing for St. Pat's Day with Amica Favourite

Blackburn's Rob Averil will be singing, joking and ??? in preparation for St. Pat's Day on March 12th, 3 p.m.

Thinking about downsizing your home?

Come learn about selling and staging your home on March 24th at 2 p.m.

Women's Day Event

Come celebrate International Women's Day, Monday March 2nd, hosted by the Canadian Federation of University Women and the Ottawa Council of Women. Event includes cocktail reception, entertainment, and lecture "The Early Modern Witchhunts and their Modern Legacy" Location: Council Chamber, 101 Centre-pointe Dr. Ottawa. 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Cost: \$ 25. For tickets and to register see www.cfuw-ottawa.org or call 819-778-3438.

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Gloucester Allotment Garden Association

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Gardeners who attend the Annual Meeting and register for their plot(s) will receive a rebate. Many "new" plots are available this year.

For more information call the registrar at 613-824-8479 or visit our website at <http://gaga.ncf.ca>

Blackburn Art Group

Newcomers are welcome to come to the Blackburn Community Hall on Thursdays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Please bring a cover to protect the table, your current art project and your mug for tea break. Upcoming dates are February 12 and 26, March 12 and 26 and April 9 and 23.

Blackburn Toastmasters

Learn and practice the art of speaking. The Blackburn Toastmasters meet the first and third Thursday of the month at Amica at Bearbrook at 6:30 p.m. Visit the website in case of changes to the meeting schedule at <http://3171418.toastmastersclubs.org>.

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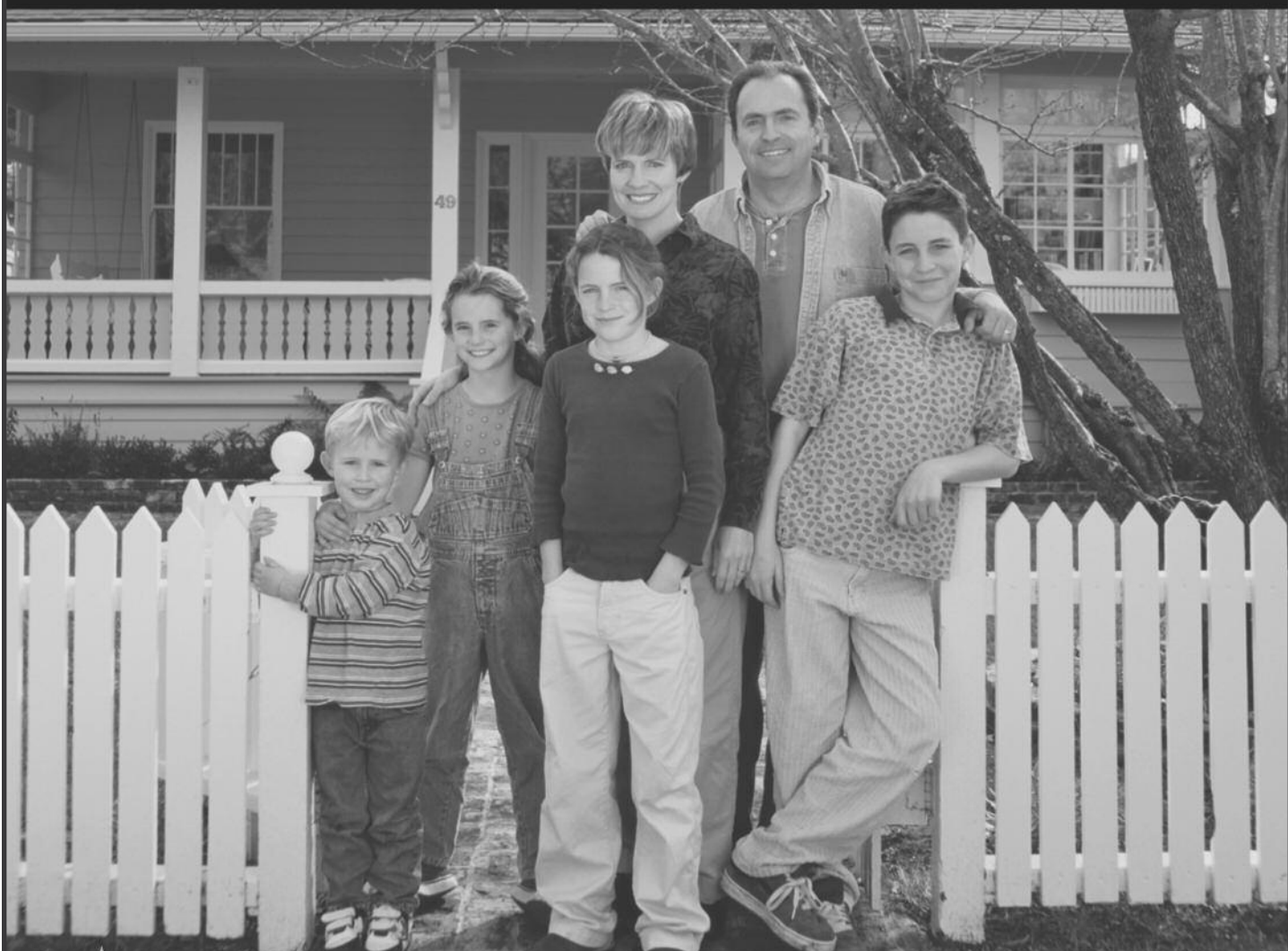
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