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Canoeing down Green's Creek



by Dave Skippen

Where can you launch a canoe five minutes from home, have a waterway all to yourself for hours, and see giant snapping turtles, deer, owls, herons and beaver? Blackburn Hamlet!

Spring is one of the best times to canoe on Green's Creek. The high water floods the surrounding woods and for a few weeks in April/May you can actually paddle through the flooded forest. The high water also makes it possible to canoe further up the creek than at any other time of year— and there are no bugs!

Growing up in Blackburn in the 60s and 70s, my friends and I loved exploring the woods and creeks around Blackburn. Two years ago, I decided to do something I'd always wanted to do by canoeing Green's Creek. During that first paddle, I was amazed at the amount of wildlife and natural beauty that is right outside our doors.

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When I decided to take on the role of president of the Blackburn Community Association I knew that the task ahead of me was a monumental one.

I would be taking over a position that had been filled by past president Roger Smiley—a community leader whose shoes would be tough to fill and who had become a fixture within the BCA and in the Hamlet.

In his nearly four years at the association's helm, Roger has been an outspoken advocate for local residents by bringing their concerns to the forefront at City Hall, public consultations, community association meetings, and in the Hamlet itself.

Although Roger will be stepping back from the role of president, we won't be letting him get too far as he continues to monitor several important issues.

I would also like to acknowledge the dedication and hard work by all those who volunteer their time as directors and committee chairs for the BCA. Without them many of the community projects we all benefit from would not be in existence.

Also, thank you to all those volunteers who operate and monitor the programs run by the association. It would be impossible to do it without them.

I want to welcome several new faces to the BCA board of directors and thank them for stepping forward with the offer to donate their time.

We have much to look forward to as a community in the coming months. The annual Fun Fair in June is guaranteed to once again be a crowd pleaser and will boast several new elements.

Plans for the expansion of the Community Hall are in the works and more updates will be provided in the near future.

The outdoor rinks were operated successfully this past winter and the BCA is eager to repeat the success this coming year with the help of our volunteers.

I look forward to serving Blackburn Hamlet residents in my new role as president of the BCA and I can be contacted with any concerns or comments at llczekaj@yahoo.ca.

Laura Dudas



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Garage Sale
Saturday, May 1st
Rain date Sunday, May 2nd

Visit the BCA website at www.blackburnhamlet.ca for community updates and links to local organizations and businesses.

Blackburn Community Association

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Green's Creek (cont'd from page 1)



parking lot, head south-east along the main path about 200m to an open meadow by the creek and launch at the clay "beach" (wear sandals or boots). You can also cross the parkway and launch directly into the Ottawa River by the bikepath. The creek meets the river about 1 km downstream from P8. The creek's current is gentle and there is no problem paddling up the creek until you get to the toboggan hill. A leisurely paddle from the Ottawa River up to the toboggan hill and back takes about 2 hours.

On my last Spring trip, I saw both snapping and painted turtles (17 in all!), three deer and a fawn, an osprey, kingfishers, and a beaver. Sadly, the once plentiful frogs are gone. Each time I go out, I see something new and as the seasons change, the creek and surrounding woods take on completely different characters. Deep in the creek's ravine, you can't see any buildings or signs of civilization and you can imagine what it would have been like for voyageurs turning off the main river looking for a sheltered camping spot or hunting site as they travelled the Ottawa River.

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Fun Fair June 4 – 6th: in less than 3 months!

This year's Fun Fair theme is about "Community Spirit" and is going to be bigger and better than ever before. The number of volunteers that have stepped forward has been amazing. We have a great team to help make it all happen.

Some games are back from the old days with family activities, children's competitions, and all sorts of silly challenges for every age as well as a whole field of games and competitions for families to enjoy free. If you have some good ideas or you would like to get involved and help us with these events contact our BCA President **Laura Czekaj Dudas** at llczekaj@yahoo.ca

Our stage team is focused on finding Blackburn talent who enjoy dancing, singing, comedy, playing an instrument or _____. If you have talent and want to be involved please contact **Mike Murphy** at mmurphy@uottawa.ca

Another new attraction this year is the Pet Pride Parade that will take place

on Sunday, June 6th from 1 to 2:30pm on the fairgrounds. Dress up the dog and the kids to match, pick a theme and be as creative as you can. There will be contests and rewards for all competitors. Who has the Blackburn pooch with the longest/shortest tail, biggest ears, tallest dog, smallest, best trick, or the most obedient pet? This event is proudly sponsored and organized by Marie-France Lavinge's team from the Dominion Lending Centre. In mid-April you can check the www.ottawadlc.com website and sign up for the Pet Pride Parade or if you wish, contact Valerie Cavers at vcavers@dominionlending.ca.

Once again the arena will have a local business showcase, silent auction, used-book table and inflatable fun bouncers for the children. If you would like your business to be a part of this year's showcase contact **Jeff Miller** for details at jeff@cloutierandmiller.com. The silent auction will be run by **Iain Macpherson**. Contributions for the auction are

appreciated. Please contact Iain at iaindmac@hotmail.com Also, if you have any books, board games, or DVDs that you would like to donate to the sale table contact **Rachelle Belair** at rachellebelair@hotmail.com.

The parade is going to be absolutely amazing this year. We hope that people who come out to watch the parade will first raid their pantry as we will be collecting non-perishable food for Blackburn's St Joseph's Store House. There will be trailers, empty shopping carts, and wagons in the parade that will collect Blackburn's generous contributions. This is a great way to show our community spirit and also help those in need in our community. Children are invited to decorate their bikes, tricycles, and all other modes of transportation with food labels, and cans. If you would like to be a part of the parade or you would like to help with the parade contact **Rachel Whyte** at rachel.whyte@sympatico.ca.

And finally, if there are any more people in Blackburn who have a little extra time and a lot of community spirit, please feel free to come and join our Fun Fair team—the more the merrier, the bigger the team, the better the Fun Fair! Get your business and staff involved to organize, host, or sponsor a specific event. **Fun Fair chair, Trisha Cloutier** can be reached at trisha-cloutier@rogers.com.

P.S. Buy your BCA membership at the Fun Fair and be in the draw for a High Definition Television. The draw will be held in October.

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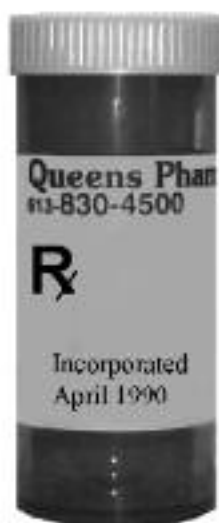
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Room for Everyone at the Annual Spring Clean-up!

by Barb Sweazey

Please mark your calendars.

The 10th annual Blackburn Hamlet Spring Clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, April 17 at 9:00 am (N.B. The rain date is Saturday, April 24 at 9:00 am). This is our community's opportunity to make the neighbourhood shine, through litter collection, graffiti clean-up, and collection of household batteries.

And, we've got room for everyone to help:

- If you are a high school student looking for volunteer hours, please come on out.
- If you are a family with children attending school in the area (now or previously), there's room for you too.
- If you are new to the community and are looking to meet some friendly faces, the annual Spring Clean-up is a great place to start, and
- For those of you who love Blackburn's first social community event of the spring season, well come on down, we'd love to see you too!

Meet us in front of the Blackburn Community Hall (200 Glenpark Drive) at 9:00 am. We will provide garbage bags, latex gloves and a

suggested area for litter pick-up. If you want, bring your own gloves to

you'd like to enjoy a warm beverage while you "work". And, don't forget to drop off your used household batteries on this same day.

Following the neighbourhood clean-up, join us back at the Community Hall at 11:00 am for the annual group photo, and a BBQ complements of the Blackburn Community Association.

If you have any questions, call Barb Sweazey at 613-845-0861 or email bsweazey@rogers.com. Let's make this year the best yet. Hope to see you there!

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Again this year we offer programs for all ages and all skill levels, from daytime and evening round robins to tournaments, drills, and group and individual instruction with qualified professionals. Sign up for your favourite two-week session of Junior Tennis Camp; first session begins June 28. State-of-the-art new lighting, a refurbished clubhouse, and two newly-resurfaced courts will add to your tennis experience this summer.

New members are always welcome. For more information go to our website at www.blackburntennis.ca, call Barbara Nolen at 613-824-3524, or the club at 613-824-0002 after April 24.



A Passport Clinic hosted by Ottawa-Orleans MP Royal Galipeau will be held on Saturday, April 10th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Orleans Client Service Centre on Centrum Boulevard. Applications and information available at www.passportcanada.gc.ca.

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Winter Olympics and Early Spring Lift Spirits

by Rainer Bloess, City of Ottawa

As I write this column I find myself both basking in our national post-Olympic euphoria and marvelling at the arrival of what seems to be a remarkably (but certainly welcome) early spring. What terrific morale boosters while we gaze at what little remains of this winter's meagre snowfall and the grey and brown landscape we face at this time of year. Although lawns all tend to look pretty hopeless in early spring, if your particular property has sustained winter plow damage, be sure to call the City's 3-1-1 number to be added to the lawn repair service list.

Spring in Ottawa brings our annual *Spring Cleaning the Capital* campaign, and will run this year from April 15 to May 15. A record 87,409 participants made 2009 the most successful year yet for our spring and fall cleanup campaigns and we are hoping to kick off 2010 with a bang. Individual volunteers and/or school groups, neighbourhood organizations, businesses or families are asked to help spruce up our City by cleaning up public property in their communities. Participation need only involve an hour or two of your time and we will all benefit from the cleaner, greener and safer sidewalks, roadways and parks that result. Our own Blackburn Hamlet community clean up will be held on Saturday, April 17th. Following the clean up, I look forward to seeing many of you at the wind-up barbeque at the community hall.

Kudos to those who came out to the

well-attended Greenbelt public consultation meeting held by the NCC in January to solicit comments and suggestions regarding your vision for the future of the Greenbelt. If you missed the meeting, information is available at the NCC's website www.canadascapital.gc.ca.

I am happy to report that, despite a somewhat awkward introductory phase for many, our Green Bin program is already showing positive results and Orgaworld's composting facility is up and running. By adding organics through the green bin program to the waste we divert from our landfill, we can potentially double our diversion rate. The effort we put into this program is an investment in avoiding the future cost of new and expanded landfills.

Finally, many of you have provided me with mixed reaction to our 2010 budget. Due to this budget and the Economic Stimulus funding, we will

make an unprecedented investment in our City's infrastructure. \$398 million worth of stimulus projects provided by all three levels of government is being undertaken, in addition to the \$600 million invested in Ottawa's core public infrastructure, building and improving our roads, sewers and water mains. At the same time we have maintained funding for our transit system, emergency services and recreation and cultural programs.

The average homeowner will pay an additional \$138 in property taxes this year, certainly not the ideal of \$0 but, I believe, a reasonable investment in maintaining and/or improving not only our City's programs and services but, as a result, the quality of life of all of our residents.

As usual, if you have any issues or questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at 613-580-2472 or rainer.bloess@ottawa.ca.

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Guidement votre
Dominique Gautier
Cigale joviale

Chères Aiglons,

Ce soir le 11 mars nous avons animé la réunion sur le Mexique. Gabriella nous a montré des mots en espagnol et nous avons commencé par une chasse aux trésors dans l'école. Nous avons remis une feuille avec les noms d'objets en espagnol. Les équipes devaient traduire les mots et trouver les objets. Katherine nous a fait danser avec la musique de la Cucaracha. J'ai traduit les paroles de la chanson. Alicia nous a fait jouer un jeu avec des mots en espagnol puis Arielle nous a donné une collation (nachos et salsa) très bon. Pendant la réunion il y a eu 6 badges de présenté. Katherine nous a aussi parlé du Mexique et de Our Cabana avant de finir la réunion.

Guidement votre
Laurence LeHénaff

Voici quelques activités à venir :

- Le repas Seder de la Pâque juive le 30 mars
- La Fête du 100e anniversaire du guidisme le 10 avril.
Invitation à toutes les anciennes de se joindre à nous à L'École S C Béatrice-Desloges de 12h30 à 20h30 pour des activités diverses, un thé intergénérationnelle, un souper et une soirée. RSVP 613-225-4027
- Le Nage-o-thon Richelieu le 18 avril
- Le Marche-thon du Club Lions le 8 mai
- La journée des guides à l'Université d'Ottawa le 16 mai
- Le camp de printemps 1860 à Kingston les 29-30 mai
- La Fête Foraine le 5 juin




Réunion sur L'Afrique

Chères Gazelles,

Ce soir, le 25 février, nous avons commencé par l'inspection et la prière. Ensuite Danielle nous a parlé de l'Afrique en nous montrant plusieurs objets et costumes car elle y était allée plusieurs fois. Ensuite elle a fait tirer 5 objets qu'elle avait eu en Afrique. Nous avons terminé par un ban pour remercier Danielle et la prière.

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Saturday, June 19th
2:00-4:30 pm (gift presentation at 3 pm)
Blackburn Community Hall on Glenpark Drive



We need to know if you're attending. To help with planning, please confirm how many members of your family will be attending by contacting Eileen Emmonds at (613) 830-0316, or Rike Weizenbach at (613) 824-3486, or by e-mail to Eileen at sati.thanks@rogers.com.

Personal donations from patients and residents of the community will be appreciated and put towards a gift for Dr. and Mrs. Sati that will be presented at the reception. **Sponsorship donations** from local businesses to help offset the costs of the reception are needed and welcomed. We look forward to adding your company's name to the list of sponsors!

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We look forward to seeing you June 19th!

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About Dr. and Mrs. Sati – did you know...

Ahmed Sati, whose father died when he was 6, was born in Damascus, Syria in 1935 and grew up in a family of 12. After completing his military service in 1958 he went to Germany to study medicine.

Ahmed spent his pre-medical years at the University of Hamburg. Since the girls were too tall in the northern part of Germany he decided to continue his medical studies at the University of Freiburg in the Black Forest region. He found his girl, Ulrike Marth, at a ball in beautiful Baden-Baden. They danced into the wee small hours of the morning and her shoe broke—and they've lived happily ever after. In fact, 43 years of "happily ever after", and looking forward to many more.

After graduating from the University of Freiburg with his doctorate and medical degree, Dr. Sati spent 2½ years of internship in Germany.

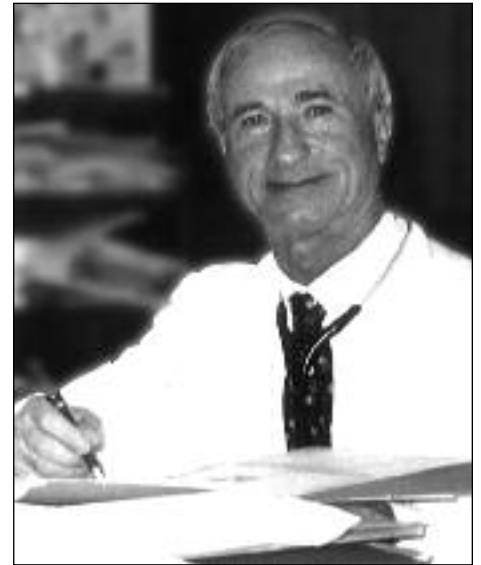
Following the birth of their first child, Marwan, the Satis decided to relocate to another country. Dr. Sati wanted to follow his dream of setting up home in America; however, Mrs. Sati wanted to emigrate to Canada (fortunately for us), and to be as close to Europe as possible, so they decided on St. John's, Newfoundland. Due to a clerical error they ended up in Saint John, New Brunswick where they were welcomed by the friendly folk in that city and especially by the MacMurray family. Dr. Sati spent one year of internship at the Saint John General Hospital before heading to Ottawa to join the Family

Medicine Program at the Civic Hospital in 1969.

In June 1971 on the advice of his colleague Dr. Peter Heaton, Dr. Sati decided to open a medical practice in Blackburn Hamlet. At that time there was no adequate commercial property available in the Hamlet so Harry King of Costain helped the Satis find a suitable house on Bearbrook Road, which would double as their home and also the medical office for Dr. Sati's new practice.

Three months after the practice opened the Sati's daughter, Angela, was born. The Sati family enjoyed Marwan and Angela's childhood in Blackburn Hamlet where the children participated in many sports and leisure activities and also received excellent education from the schools in the area. Marwan's studies culminated in his graduating with a PhD. in biomedical engineering. He now lives in Toronto where he develops medical devices for cancer detection and treatment. Angela is an Assistant Professor at the University of Chicago in the field of leukemia research.

In 1975 it was time to move the medical practice out of the house on Bearbrook Road and into the newly built Blackburn Hamlet Medical Dental Centre, which was jointly owned by Drs. Ahmed Sati, Bernard Larouche, Ralph Scandiffio and Robert Taite. The building was designed by George Moiseyev, one of the architects who helped design CHEO, and constructed by Lundy



Construction under the supervision of Bill Haigh, who had experience from his work with the Civic Hospital. Bill Watson of Kelsa Construction was relied on for numerous building maintenance and renovation improvements. The Satis appreciated the dependable advice and help that Bill and his wife Diane provided over the years. In 2004 the medical building was purchased by Dr. Jason Heavens.

In June 2010 Dr. Sati will be retiring after 39 years of dedication and commitment to his patients in the community. His days are often long, 10 hours and more, including weekends on many occasions. As they contemplate retirement, Dr. and Mrs. Sati are looking forward to enjoying a new routine, travelling and visiting family overseas, and spending more time with their children and grandchildren.

We wish them a happy, healthy and wonderful retirement.

Hawthorne Public School's 111th Anniversary

By Laurel Sherrer, Research Chair, Hawthorne 111 Committee

It's Hawthorne Public School's 111th anniversary this year and you may be able to lend a hand.

The school is asking people with ties to Hawthorne in the past to come forward and share their memories, memorabilia and ideas in an effort to produce a celebration on June 11 that will be remembered for years to come.

"Hawthorne is an excellent school with a long tradition of quality education," says Principal Francesse Kopczewski of the Ottawa Carleton District School Board school. "It has evolved tremendously since its inception as a one-room schoolhouse into the dynamic JK-8 facility it is today.

While many institutions in the Elmvale Acres area are marking 50th anniversaries connected with the 1960s burst in development, Hawthorne Public School dates back to its 19th-century debut as a one-room schoolhouse in the tiny village of Hawthorne.

Not too many local residents remember that where traffic now teems through the intersection of Walkley and



Eleanor Lillico—2nd row, 6th from right, Lois (Spratt) Kemp—2nd row, 5th from right, Jean (Stanley) Spilling—2nd row, right end. Miss Gorslein (back row) was a teacher for approximately 50 years at Hawthorne Public School.

Hawthorne Roads, there was once a quiet country village featuring a school, post office, Orange Hall and dairy as well as a handful of dwellings. The red brick schoolhouse built in 1899 was pivotal to the local social life until its demolition in the early 1960s, after the current Hawthorne Public School was built at 2158 St. Laurent Blvd. The old school sat just east of where the Giant Tiger store is now located on Walkley Road

Memories of the old school are still clear in the minds of some local residents. Ruth Spilling, 87, who volunteers at the school to this day, was a student in the 1920s and '30s. She credits the years she spent learning in a single classroom that housed eight grades with giving her strong powers of concentration. "I can still work in a room full of people and not hear what everyone's saying," Spilling says. "You're concentrating on what you're doing."

Eleanor Lillico, Ruth Spilling and Lois Kemp were students at the one-room schoolhouse in the 1930s and Eleanor was a teacher at the St. Laurent Blvd. site in the '70s. "We had to bring in water [from the well]; we had to do a lot of the caretaking," Eleanor says of her early school days. "You had to bring in wood and it was a great thrill if you had your school work all done and [the teacher] let you go out and weed the garden."

If you have memories to share, please contact the school by calling 613-733-6221 or sending an e-mail to Hawthorne111@rogers.com.

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BCA Annual Report presented at AGM February 18th

by Roger Smiley

It is my duty and privilege to make the annual president's report on the BCA for the year 2009. This report is always included in our submission for funding from the City each year.

Managing our primary asset (the Blackburn Community Hall) was, as usual, a major preoccupation. Our scheduler, Jan Whitehouse, once again handled a very demanding job with great success and her efforts are most appreciated. Various challenges with scheduling were handled with a minimum of disruption. Upgrades to some of the equipment (tables, refrigerator) have had to be made and the Hall continues to be maintained in good shape thanks to the local city staff. As mentioned last year, demand for use



2010 BCA Board—Front row, l to r: Sheryl Tracy, Secretary; Laura Czekaj Dudas, President; Paula Rosenquist, Environment; Evelyn Budd, BANAR. Back row, l to r: Roger Smiley, Past President; Annick Laporte, Vice President; Tom Scott, Parks & Recreation; Al Ross, Treasurer; Helen Rosseau, Website. Missing: Jan Whitehouse, Community Hall; Trisha Cloutier, Youth & Fun Fair; Charles Kennedy, Community Relations; Sarah Cloutier, Seniors; Patrick Kahtouni, Communications.

of the Hall has begun to increase to the point that we are now going forward with our plans for expansion. Charles

Kennedy is heading up a committee to advance this project. You will note from

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BCA 2009 Annual Report (cont'd from page 17)

the Treasurer's report (to be published in the June issue) there are considerable funds reserved to assist with this. Through numbers collected by Jan, we are now seeing demand for 2000+ hours per year. There were over 2500 children and 4500 adult users of the Hall in 2009 (an increase of roughly 12%). Much of the use comes during specific high demand periods. Our parks and recreation portfolio was a busy one this year with ongoing park maintenance and running the outside rinks. Although weather assisted us on the outside rinks by being kind both last year and, to date, this year, the efforts of the many volunteers in maintaining the rinks must be recognized. Our Parks and Rec director is to be congratulated for a job well done.

As well as assistance being provided to rebuild the play structure at Ecole Ste Marie, the BCA was able to provide extra financial support for other organizations such as the Community Gardens, the Scouts, a local day care center and

so on. It is important to note that funding from the City, BCA membership sales, the Fun Fair, and Community Hall fees allow us to provide assistance when needed to the many community programs that contribute to the well being of Blackburn residents.

On the environmental front, we once again sponsored the annual spring clean-up day and the annual garage sale. Re-involvement in the rain barrel program should be reconsidered for this year.

The Fun Fair was once again a tremendous success despite the usual challenge of a lack of volunteers. Major credit for driving this to success goes to the outgoing chair, Jenn Clouthier. As well as being an important community event, it was also for the second year in a row a financial success and funds were able to be transferred back to the BCA and maintain the Fun Fair balance at reasonable levels. This transfer of funds was made after paying out shares that are passed on directly to participating community programs which the BCA is pledged to support.

On the cultural and communications side, the BANAR continues to be the main community relations vehicle. Articles of interest by and about Blackburn keep all of us up to speed on local happenings. Many thanks to Evelyn Budd who continues to be the driving force behind the "Blackburn Area News And Reports".

The BCA was also involved in deliberations and discussions on the NCC greenbelt master plan review, the interprovincial bridge, local zoning, school closure studies, transitway and community safety issues. In association with the Eastern Ottawa Resource Centre, a survey has been launched to better define the needs and concerns of Blackburn citizens. The survey due date is the end of February and it is hoped preliminary data will be available for the next issue of the BANAR.

Last year I closed my remarks by pointing out the change in demographics we are experiencing in Blackburn with more young families moving in. I noted that the need for increasing programs for these new residents makes it imperative that the BCA recruit new blood. I am tremendously pleased to report we are beginning to see people step forward to take on these challenges.

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Grandmas Garage Sale

Support the Courageous and Resilient Grandmothers of Africa

by Barbara Nolen

Once again *grandmas AIDing grandmas* will be participating in the Blackburn Garage Sale on May 1st, with all funds raised going to African grandmothers raising their orphan grandchildren (through the Stephen Lewis Foundation). The sale will be held at 59 Woodhill, corner of Southpark.

We always have a huge selection of treasures for you to browse through.

Something new this year will be a plant table, which should be very interesting given that there are some excellent gardeners in the group. We are also collecting empty wine, beer and spirit bottles.

Donations of quality goods would be greatly appreciated (no clothing please), and can be dropped off at 59 Woodhill or 29 Woodview during the


week before the sale, or call the numbers below for pickup, or more information. African grandchildren deserve the same rights as our grandchildren; let's make a difference, however small!

Contact Barbara Nolen at 613-824-3524 or Myrtle Blinn at 613-837-8838 for more information

BCA 2009 Annual Report (cont'd from page 18)

This marks the end of my three plus years of president of the BCA and I am happy to be passing on the torch to someone representing the younger families. I'd like to thank all of the BCA members for their efforts during my tenure as well as the support received from various members of the community and the City—in particular our local councillor's office. I have discovered that the support of the ward councillor's office is crucial to the strength of community associations in general and our east end councillors have done a great job in this respect.

The BCA continues to be one of the more solid and successful community organizations in the Ottawa area. It is incumbent on all of us to continue to support and grow this organization if we want Blackburn Hamlet to remain the great community it is.




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Children's Welcome Centre's Fundraising Events

Various fundraising events are being held to support the Children's Welcome Centre. The Centre is located at 2514 Innes Road in Blackburn Hamlet. Please come and show your support for this valuable resource located in the community.

DROP & SHOP fundraising event

A drop in/open house to test, taste, try and order *Pampered Chef* and *Epicure Selections* products will be held Saturday, April 10th from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Community Hall

There will be some open stock items for same-day purchase (cash only), raffles, and demos.

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Free 1st Words Seminar

The Children's Welcome Centre is happy to present the "Talk by 2" First Words Preschool Speech and Language Program Seminar. It will be held for free on Saturday, April 24th at 10:00am.

This is a workshop for parents and caregivers to learn about development of language in children aged 0-24 months. You will learn particular milestones that children should be at pertaining to their speech patterns at different stages of development. As well, characteristics and indicators of speech delay will be explained with strategies and examples to assist parents and caregivers to help promote healthy language development.

This workshop will be an informative experience for parents of young children who have concerns about their children's speech development. This is not a screening clinic. You will receive the information that is needed to assess the development of your child pertaining to their age and speech capabilities.

Please call Kerry at the Children's Welcome Centre to reserve your spot! 613-834-7075.

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August 9th - 13th - **Fairytales**
August 16th - 20 - **The Amazing Race**
August 23rd - 27th **Under the Sea**

Children's Welcome Centre's Fundraising Events (cont'd from page 20)

Used Children's Clothing Sale

On Saturday May 1st the Children's Welcome Centre will be hosting a huge used children's clothing sale in the parking lot in front of the Children's Welcome Centre, 2514 Innes Road. Some ladies' spring fashion, maternity, and jewelry items will also be on sale. Feel free to stop for a refreshment/snack at our bake-sale table and browse at the great items that will be selling cheap! If you have items that you wish to donate please contact Kerry at 613-834-7075.

Fundraising Auction Book for great buys

Two dedicated women of the Children's Welcome Centre have volunteered to organize a fundraising Auction Book. Laurie Waara and Lisa Burton have had great success with receiving contributions for the Auction Book. Donations include a \$1500 horseback riding lesson package, Little Ray's Reptile's Birthday Party Package, Dance Lessons, Comedy club tickets, Saunders Farm and Papanack Zoo Family passes and a whole lot more! The Auction Book will be open for bidding on May 3rd and it will close on June 12th at the Used Baby Equipment and Toy Sale. If

you would like to donate an item, or have a contribution for the Auction Book please feel free to contact Laurie at 613-830-8731 or Lisa at 613-424-2773.

Used Baby Equipment/Toy Sale & B.B.Q.

The Children's Welcome Centre has had great success with their used baby equipment and toy sales. The fundraising committee has decided that the event will be held bi-annually because it is so popular. The Community Centre is booked for Saturday, June 12th from 9 until 2pm. Vendors are needed and items that you would like to donate will also be appreciated. For more information please call Kerry at 613-834-7075.

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Pull on those rubber boots and explore your surroundings. Go for a walk and look up to the sky. On a

nice clear day you and your toddler might be able to count the vapour trails of the jet planes. Point out fire hydrants and stop signs, ask them to show you what they see—a car, a bicycle—what colour is it? Listen and identify sounds, trucks and sirens yes, but also chickadees, cardinals and robins. Look for tracks in the mud, are they from people, dogs, cats, squirrels? Simple things that we overlook everyday can be fascinating to a toddler.

In your backyard, dig out your plastic t-ball set and start swinging. Teach them to bat, run and chase (set up pretend bases). Of course tag them out occasionally, but let them be “safe” sometimes too. This is a great activity for the whole family.

On a sunny day, if your child will stay still long enough, try tracing their shadow. Then let them colour it in with sidewalk chalk or sidewalk chalk paint. Throw a long skipping rope on the ground in a zigzag pattern and have your child see if they can walk on the rope. Lay it out straight and have them balance on the tight rope. Jump over it, crawl across it, the sky's the limit.

For rainy days, dig out those splash pants. Puddles, although messy are lots of fun.

And don't forget the Blackburn Community Spring Clean-up on Saturday, April 17th. Your toddler might be too young to join in but you can do your part in cleaning up by practicing on your walks...take a plastic grocery

bag and wear gloves...if you don't want your toddler picking up the garbage, have them point it out and you can pick it up for them.

More ideas to entertain toddlers can be found in *The Toddler's Busy Book—365 Creative Games and Activities to Keep Your 1 ½ - to - 3-Year-Old Busy* by Trish Kuffner.

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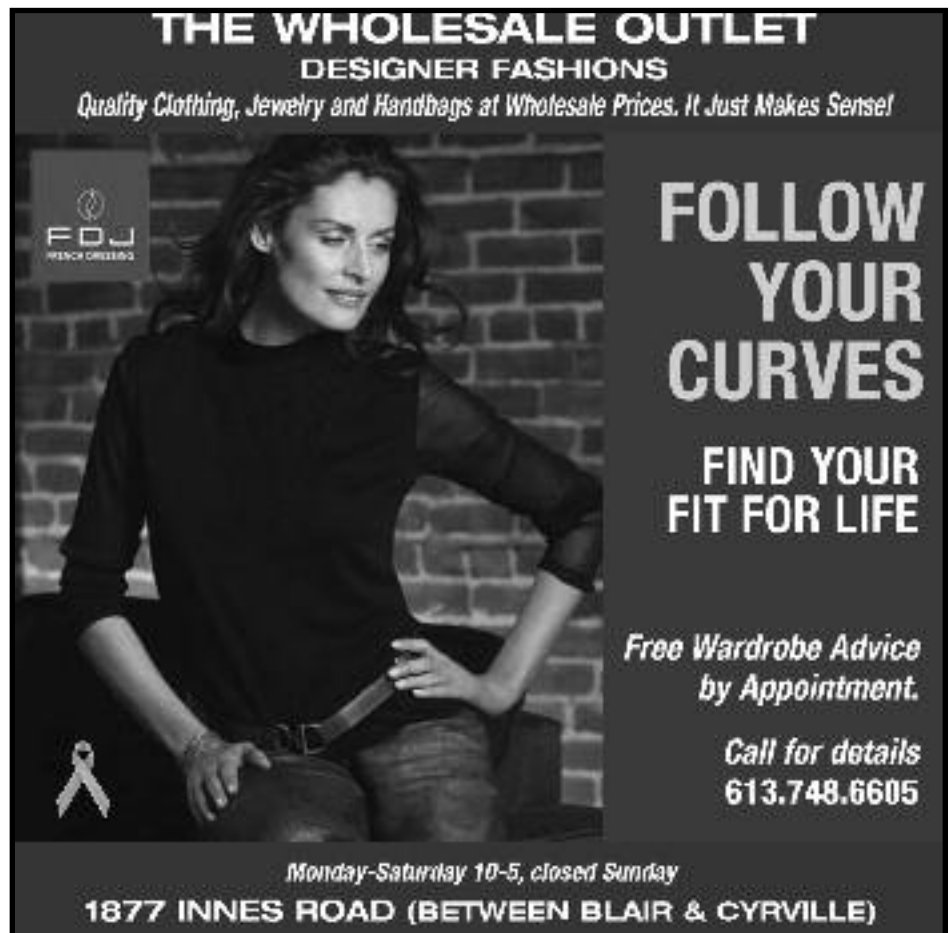
Born and raised in Carleton Place Ontario, the four brothers, and their father Clarence were influenced by such groups as the Statler Brothers and the Irish Rovers. Ed, the eldest of the brothers plays rhythm guitar and is the songwriter. Rod plays the bass guitar, John plays the fiddle and Andy plays acoustic guitar and sings both lead and high harmony. Clarence, their father, plays lead guitar and has performed in dance bands for over 40 years. They have shared the stage with some of country's best like Stompin' Tom Connors, Ricky Skaggs, Charlie Major, George Canyon, Paul Brandt, Ronnie Prophet and the Road Hammers.

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Afternoon Spring Fling

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Pot Luck Dinner Sunday April 18th at 6 p.m. at the Community Hall. Bring one of your favourite dishes to

share. Tea and coffee are provided. A surprise guest *may* drop by to talk about the history of our wonderful community. For further information, please call Shirley Haggarty at 613-824-4664.

Beau's Brewery Tour & Lunch Wednesday, May 26th. Meet at the Community Hall at 10 a.m. to car pool to Vankleek Hill. RSVP to Val White at 613-837-1083.

Beechwood Cemetary Tour of the gardens and historic sites followed by lunch at the Clocktower Restaurant on June 10th. Meet at the Community Hall at 10 a.m. to car pool. RSVP to Val Goodwin at 613-746-9714.

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St. Mary's!

**2nd ANNUAL
Strawberry Social
Sunday, June 27th
from 1 to 5 pm**

We'll all be at the Blackburn Community centre on Sunday, June 27th from 1 to 5 pm. for Strawberries and real whipped cream. Wow!

**ANNUAL
Cemetery Clean-up
Saturday April 24th 9:00 am**

Come on out and help clean the grounds of the Cemetery located at 2750 Navan Rd.. Many local historic persons are buried here.

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Programs

- Knitting and Craft Club, 7:30 pm, 2nd & 4th Tuesdays
At the Parish House

Worship Services

Sunday

Navan Road Church
2750 Navan Rd.
8-10 or 10 am

Midweek

1st Tuesday 2pm Blackburn Lodge
3rd Tuesday 2 pm Amica/Bearbrook

Sunday April 11 Family Service Sunday

Join us for our first children centred service that will be fun for the whole family.

Family Services will also be held at 9 am the first Sunday of May and June.

April

Thurs. 1, 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday (see below)
Fri. 2, 10:00 am Good Friday (see below)
Sat. 10, 11am-3:30pm Drop and Shop Pampered Chef & Epicure products Community Centre pg 20
Sat. 10, 10:00 am Spring Fashion Show 1877 Innes (page 24)
Sat. 10, 12:30-8:00pm 100e Anniversaire du Guidisme L. Looke S C Béatrice-Desloges (page 11)
Tues 13, 7:30 **Knit & Craft Night at St. Mary's Parish House. All welcome**
Afternoon Spring Fling at Amica Bearbrook (page 24)
Wed. 14 1-4 pm Ottawa Guild of Potters Spring Exhibition and Sale (page 24)
Thurs 15 to 18th Spring Cleanup Community Centre (page 7)
Sat Apr 17 9am 50+ Pot Luck Dinner Community Centre (page 25)
Sun. 18, 6:00 pm 50+Working Group Community Hall (page 25)
Wed. 21, 2:00 pm rain date Spring Cleanup Community Centre (page 7)
Sat. 24, 9:00 am Tennis Registration Clubhouse (page 9)
Sat. 24, 10am -2pm Talk by Z^o at Children's Welcome Centre (page 20)
Sat. 24, 10:00 am **Spring Cemetery Clean 2750 Navan Rd**
Sat. 24, 9 till done 50+Pub Night Barley Mow (page 25)
Sun. 25 6:00 pm

May

Saturday 1 all day Blackburn Hamlet Garage sale(see page 3)
Grandma's Garage Sale 59 Woodhill (See page 17)
Sat. 1,TBA Used Children's Clothing Sale Children's Welcome Centre (page 21)
Sat. 1, 8:00 pm Coro Vivo Benefit Concert for CHEO St. Joseph's Church (page 24)
Mon. 3 Fundraising Auction book opens for the Children's Welcome Centre (page 21)
Sat. 6, 10am -2pm Tennis Registration at the Clubhouse (page 9)
Sat. 6, 7:00 pm) Dowe's Brothers Gospel Music at Rothwell United (page 23)
Tues. 11, 7:30 pm **Knit & Craft Night at St. Mary's Parish House. All welcome**
Wed. 21, 2:00 pm 50+Working Group Community Hall (page 25)
Sat. 22, 8-11:00 am Rothwell Plant Sale Rothwell United Church (page 25)
Sun. 23, 6:00pm 50+Pub Night Barley Mow (page 25)
Tues. 25, 7:30pm **Knit & Craft Night at St. Mary's Parish House. All welcome**
Wed. 26, 10:00am Beau's Brewery Tour & Lunch meet at Community Centre (page 26)

Upcoming

June 4-6 Fun Fair (page 5)
June 10, 10:00am 50+ Tour of the Beechwood Cemetery gardens (page 25)
June 12, 9-2pm Used Baby Equipment & Toy sale Childrens Welcome Centre (page 21)
June 11 Hawthorne School 111 Anniversary (page 12)
June 18 Reception for Dr & Mrs. Sati Community Centre (page 12)
Sunday - June 27, 1:00 to 5:00 pm Strawberry Social and Tea



CELEBRATE EASTER

April 1 Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm Holy Eucharist
April 2 Good Friday 10:00 am Celebration of the Lord's Passion
April 4 Easter Sunday 8:30 am Holy Eucharist
10:00 am Holy Baptism and Eucharist

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