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*Upper on his motorcycle...on one of his many trips to Ottawa...no bull!!!*

**William (Bill) Upper retired June 1st 2011....**The Cornwall native, completed St Lawrence Secondary School in his home town, awarded a full scholarship based on his hockey skills and academic achievements at Canton New York, Agriculture & Technical School, Ottawa University grad ... completed and received a Masters Degree in Sports & Sociology in Sports Management in the U.K. at Leicester University.. and a 1978 Recreation Leadership graduate...North Bay's Canadore College..

Bill was probably no different than other young men, growing up in Cornwall.. they all sought part time employment while pursuing their academic goals.. Upper was a "rink rat" prior to gaining "part time status" at the Water Street Arena.. under Manager Si Miller... and gaining "arena attendant" designation...While attending Canton.. he worked as a farm hand...performing a plethora of farm chores, that included harvesting hay...mastering the art of milking cows by hand.. from an original wooden stool..and much more...

### MEMBERSHIP

<b>Couples (93)</b>	<b>186</b>
<b>Singles</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Widows</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>238</b>



twenty parks...an outdoor pool, and two arenas...he returned to Cornwall September 1984.. awarded the General Manager's position.. at the Civic Centre.. *"The home of back to back Memorial Cup Champions".. 1979-1980 and 1980-1981...*

Eight years later, the final twenty-three and a half years would begin.. he secured a teaching position in Ottawa at Algonquin College ...teaching... Administration, Sociology, Politics and Ethics in the Faculty of Social Science, Recreation and Facility Management Programs...

Upper made the daily one hour commute from their country residence...and on numerous occasions the trip was aboard his trusted motorbike..

Upper decided to enter municipal politics in 2000.. successfully landing a seat on Council for one term in South Stormont ..concurrently he allowed his name to stand as a Director for the ORFA Executive...elected President for two terms.. completing his commitment in 2009. Proud to be on board when ORFA celebrated 50 years of Professional Development..

Thrilled to be the original Chairperson *"Relay for Life"* in Stormont South.. that went on to raise ***"one quarter million dollars"***. ....Assisted with the institution of the Annual Pond Hockey Tournament in Stormont on Faran Park Road, raising funds

*for local hospitals...*Now that retirement has kicked in.. Bill has drastically cut back his volunteer involvement.. retaining the role of public relations director... for the local Habitat for Humanity Committee... two homes have already been constructed in 2011.

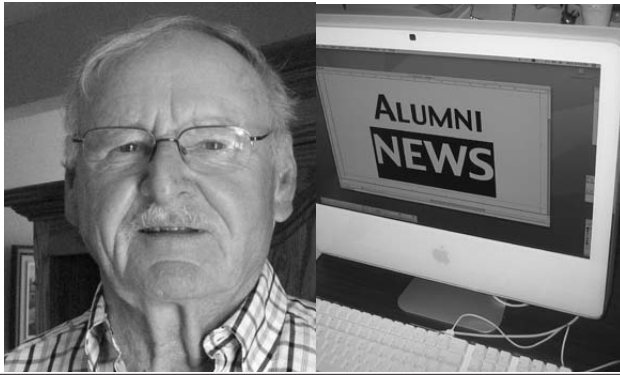
It is worthy to note that Bill is a member of the Toronto chapter of the Royal Canadian Military Institute... a Life Member of the USA Marine Corps. And honoured to serve as Commander (Knight Templar) and a Knight of St Joachim Internal... (an autonomous and independent organization, incorporated in the United States, its members apply themselves energetically and selflessly to Christian charitable endeavors).

Upper the eldest of seven Upper/Carson family siblings.. a car accident took away the life of his father...when Bill was eight years old...his mother remarried .. a number of years later to Floyd Carson..

Bill fell in love with another Cornwall local in 1984... Linda Kippen.. both had experienced failed marriages...they were married on Valentine's day in 1986..Linda raised two boys from her first marriage...she was a career professional.. an Office Manager at a local Ethanol Plant.. up until retirement in 2007.

Both siblings reside in Western Canada.. Sandy is a member of the RCMP stationed in Alberta.. Jordan the youngest, resides in Calgary.. where he works as an apprentice in the refrigeration field.... ***"Bradley"***...their twelve year old Australian Sheep Dog..in reality...*is the boss at the Upper household!!!*





**News** and a bit of blarney from “The Prez’s”.... cluttered desk

The 35th Gathering information should by now be in everyone’s hands. Which leads up to.. registration...and ...commitment.. to the one and only 2011 opportunity to meet up with gang in Napanee.. and support the Alumni’s first ventire into Eastern Ontario..**Cont’d on page 4....**

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Tony & Susan Brenner are combining a family visit and vacation in France..July 9th-26th.. they will miss the Gathering in Napanee.. a medical appointment (MRI on his shoulder) occurs that same day.. the next step to restore the shoulder... “to softball playing form”..and “removed from their disabled list”

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Ken Fagel and The Prez were both shocked to learn that Stirling, Ontario Arena Manager Barry Wilson had passed away unexpectedly May 14th...Barry more or less assured Ken.. that he would be taking out Alumni membership...the dialogue took place during the Trade Show in Guelph....our condolences go out to the Wilson family...Thank you Frank Kellner for the heads up...

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The Linda Hosier/Mike Ward (Gormley, ON) 25th Wedding Anniversary recognition presentation took place at Jet Ice. Thank you Fred Horvath for making the trip to New market....Bubbly Debbie Wilcock is not only “The Boss” at Jet Ice..she is also Linda’s sister..The Prez suspects that Debbie ensured the “moment” was captured by a

professional photographer.... delighted that Alumnus Dave Loverock was also on hand...



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Condolences to Gary Collins and Chistine Marx..and the entire Collins family.. on the recent passing of Gary’s mother...decades ago she worked in the concessions at Kitchener’s Queensmont Arena

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Kris & Torry Kullas (Timmins).. sent the following note ...Sad news from the great white north...Ralph Porcynally, retired Recreation Director from Matheson suddenly passed away at the age of 60.....Ralph had recently retired from the Town of Matheson....It was only last summer that OAA presented plaques to both Ralph and Rolly Cote on their retirement.....Ralph will be sadly missed by the members of the North Eastern Ontario Recreation Association.

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Thank you ORFA Associate Brian Townsend..for sharing the sad news ..that former Alumnus Doug Vallance passed away in a Barrie Hospital from a massive heart attack.....

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Former ORFA President Murray Hodgkins & his spouse Merrilynn (St Thomas)..wrote... Our computer is now fixed..so we thought we would drop you and the Alumni a line to say thank you for the write up in NEWS

112... It is so nice to be remembered.. We all enjoyed some memorable good times, ages ago.. Enjoyed the write up on our friend Don Yeck. Have known each other for a number of years... Have a great time in Napanee

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Paul & Marlene Leskew (Orillia) wrote....on the topic of Alumni Gatherings. Like the idea of us Orillia guys hosting something. I'll talk to Roy when he returns and see if I can catch up with Howdy... to see what he thinks..Take care my friend, it is always good to hear from you.

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Under the heading .. **"must be darn nice"**...World travelers Roy & Evelyn Klementti (Orillia).. supposedly were on a 24 month voyage.. an extended journey. ..while in reality they were actually away for 17 months..so they claim.....their future plan...spend 6 months in Florida and 6 months in Canada...**enjoy every minute !!!**

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### **THE 35TH ALUMNI GAMILY GATHERING**

*A message from our Hosts Barclay Mayhew and Kevin Hill ...Napanee **"the little town that could"***

The Town of Napanee has built one of the nicest twin pad ice surfaces anywhere; built a softball complex that would be the envy of any community; hosted Provincial, Canadian and International fastball for all ages; hosted the Canadian Women's Hockey Championships; hosted the Ontario Men's Curling Championships; and is being requested to host more Provincial curling championships. These are but a few of the items that make Napanee stand out...we want you to be our guests to tour our fine facilities and talk to the people that make this little town so special.

Why wouldn't you stay in the area and spend Sunday cruising the St Lawrence River and seeing the Thousand Islands, one of the seven wonders of the world; nip across the border to do a little shopping in Watertown or

make our Saturday, August 27th, 2011 the starting point or finishing point for a well deserved vacation.

Kevin and I would encourage you to see our area and region, so get that registration in and send Kevin or I a note if you need help with information about any of our destinations. What a way to kick off a great fall and attend the 35th Alumni Gathering in Napanee, Kevin and Barclay really look forward to a day of fellowship and renewing old acquaintances.

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### ***An introduction to our Luncheon Guest speaker. Mark Penner***

*Mark an Investment Advisor manages investment portfolios for Kingston-area families since 1992. Spent the first 12-years of his career as a fulltime broadcaster; mainly as a television anchor and Sports Director at CKWS TV in Kingston. He still works as a broadcaster; In his tenth year hosting Kingston Frontenacs hockey on the OHL Network with TV Cogeco. Mark also hosts a weekly intermission feature seen in many OHL cities called the **'OHL Roundtable'** and each year he hosts the **'OHL Preview Show'**. In addition, he is on occasion a co-host on the 'Big G & Mathews' morning show on KIX 93.5fm country radio in Kingston. Penner's broadcasting work has lasted more than 30-years. He has broadcast both hockey and baseball in Kingston over four different decades.*

*A community volunteer. Finalist for Kingston's Citizen of the Year Award. Recipient of the prestigious Paul Harris Fellow.. presented by Rotary International for community service. Helped numerous charities and sports organizations during the past 30-years. **Current President "International Hockey Hall of Fame and Museum in Kingston"**.. **servng his 10th year as President.***



**RECOGNITION PROGRAM**

*Chairperson ...Ethel Dalton*

*Happy Birthday Greetings  
Everyone!*

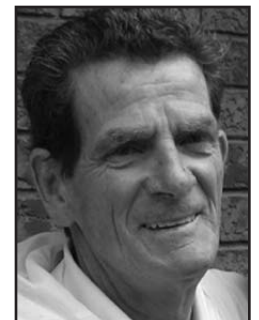
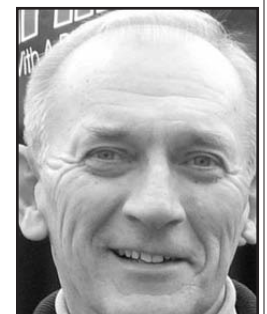


**JULY**

- 01 Roy Klementti
- 04 Robert McQuiggin
- 04 Linda Hosier
- 09 Ethel Dalton
- 13 Ed Curtis
- 16 Bonnie Dietrich
- 17 Emile McIlvenna
- 19 Sharanne MacDonald
- 22 Lumina Snider
- 22 Ross Dahmer
- 24 Thomas Graham
- 24 Al Wynne
- 24 Dolly McCurry
- 26 Art Hayward
- 28 Bill Riddle
- 27 Dan McArthur
- 28 Zora Thomlinson
- 29 Eileen Heard
- 31 Larry Johnstone
- 31 Michelle Stanley

**AUGUST**

- 03 Bob Arnot
- 04 Paul Leskew
- 05 Clare Christie
- 05 Wes Heslop
- 07 Helen Powell
- 08 Bill Heard
- 08 Marilyn McCullough
- 10 Lorraine Kirk
- 12 Gail Bevan
- 12 Irene Moore
- 13 J. Robb Burrowes
- 17 Mary Anne Palmer
- 18 Frank Kellner
- 21 Karen Pavao
- 21 Ron Simcoe
- 22 Ena Arnot
- 24 Doris MacNeil
- 25 Bill Upper
- 28 Shirley Nobes
- 29 Earle Moore
- 29 Ray Wittenberg
- 29 "Duddy" Barr



**TOP TO BOTTOM L TO R:**

- Earle C. Moorre
- Irene Moore
- Dan McArthur
- Roy Klementti
- Gail Bevan
- Paul Lekew
- Ed Curtis
- Bob Arnot
- Ross Dahmer
- Frank Kellner



Robert (Bob) McQuiggin  
Bill Heard





*Ethel Dalton*  
**RECOGNITION  
PROGRAM**  
*Chairperson*

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY  
GREETINGS  
TO THESE MIGHTY FINE FOLKS....  
“LASTING LOVE, ROBUST  
HEALTH & HAPPINESS”**

**JULY**

- 07/02/60 Andy and Millie Schlupp
- 07/02/66 Gary & Marilyn Watts
- 07/08/89 John & Sharon Milton
- 07/09/94 Gord & Carolyn Neil
- 07/17/76 Brian & Debbie Schwantz
- 07/18/81 Marc & Ann Marie Neeb
- 07/21/01 Robie & Helen Crompton
- 07/21/79 Danny & Carina Jones
- 07/23/66 Paul & Helen Clancey
- 07/24/71 Peter & Nancy Watt
- 07/25/64 Don & Gail Blackwell
- 07/29/61 John & Sharon Sharpe
- 07/31/65 Bill & Anita Riddle



**AUGUST**

- 08/02/75 Gary & Wendy Thompson
- 08/05/61 Robert & Diana Curry
- 08/07/71 Paul & Kathy Sales
- 08/11/79 Rolly & Frances Anne Cote
- 08/14/93 Doug & Diane Lloyd
- 08/16/03 Emile & Lynn McIlvenna
- 08/25/61 Murray J. & Merrilynn Hodgkin
- 08/28/71 Bill & Cathie Vass



**TOP TO BOTTOM..**

Rolly & Frances Ann Cote.. Iroquois Falls  
Bill & Anita Riddle..Allanburg  
Don & Gail Blackwell..Kitchener

*The 2011 Awards list has been brought up to date in time for this issue of the NEWS.... Awards Custodians Howie & Bonnie Dietrich.. are looking forward to coordinating the presentations in Napanee August 27th*

65th Anniversary .. June 8th 2011 .. Art & Ruth Hayward .. Simcoe

60th Anniversary .. June 29th 2011 .. Bob & Zora Thomlinson .. Sault Ste Marie

55th Anniversary .. October 6th 2011 .. Elmer & Kathleen Baer .. Plattsville

50th Anniversary .. June 3rd 2011 .. Nicky & Eva Rukavina .. Kapuskasing

50th Anniversary .. June 24th 2011 .. Ron & Donna Bull .. Toronto

*50th Anniversary .. July 29th 2011 .. John & Sharon Sharpe .. Brockville*

50th Anniversary .. August 5th 2011 .. Robert & Diana Curry .. Torrance

50th Anniversary .. August 25th 2011 .. Murray & Merrilynn Hodgkin .. St Thomas

40th Anniversary .. July 24th 2011 .. Peter & Nancy Watt .. Kitchener

40th Anniversary .. August 7th 2011 .. Paul & Kathy Sales .. Sauble Beach

40th Anniversary .. August 28th 2011 .. Bill & Cathie Vass .. Thunder Bay

40th Anniversary .. December 4th 2011 .. Don & Joanne Heath .. Hornby

25th Anniversary .. February 14th 2011 .. Bill & Linda Upper .. Cornwall

25th Anniversary .. April 17th 2011 .. Terry & Kathy Piche .. Chapleau

25th Anniversary .. June 20th 2011 .. Bill & Lisa Thorne .. Trenton

25th Anniversary .. November 1st 2011 .. Doug & Sally Coulbeck .. Kitchener

Retirement .. June 1st 2011 Bill Upper Cornwall

Ethel & Paul Saxe Memorial Award - TBA



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*"Welcome to the Alumni column".. has been relatively silent.. things are about to change over the next several weeks...For starters... Fred is pleased to welcome newly elected ORFA President.. Larry Fisher.... Kevin & Wendy Hill, Napanee.. The Prez has a firm commitment from Kevin.. a membership payment will seal the deal..and thanks to a heads up from Tony & Sue Brenner..The Prez has assurances from recent Sarnia retiree Rob MacLaggan and his wife Christa ..The Conestoga College Grad launched his municipal career in Kanata in 1977..two years later he accepted a job offer in Sarnia ..retiring June 24th 2011...*

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**The ORFA Web site..is listed under ORFA..visit ORFA .. click on continue..and then click on the Alumni logo.. to enter...**

*May the hinges of friendship....never rust.....*

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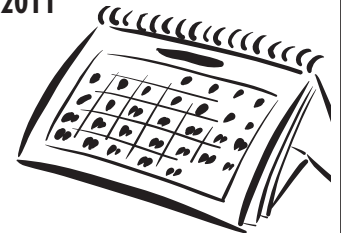
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