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Season Greetings.. Enjoy and Cherish...

*The spirit of Christmas.. is peace
The gladness of Christmas.. is hope
And the Hearts of Christmas.. is love*

Best wishes for a truly enjoyable Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year...



MEMBERSHIP

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|---------------------|------------|
| Couples (90) | 180 |
| Singles | 28 |
| Widows | 25 |
| TOTAL | 233 |



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

From the Alumni archives... *Congratulations to the following forty six members who have **maintained nineteen years of continuous uninterrupted membership since 1992..** quite a feat sustaining their annual commitment...Murray & Merrilynn Hodgkin’s (St Thomas)...and the late June Burr (London) were honoured in 2002 as the **“first to join the Alumni..** November 25th 1992...The membership recruitment was officially launched October’92...*

Bill & Bonnie Bailey (Windsor)
 Duddy Barr (Sarnia)
 Betty Brown (Simcoe)
 Ruth Bishop (Beamsville)
 Robb Burrowes (Belleville)
 Doug & Sally Coulbeck (Kitchener)
 Jada Dahmer (Niagara Falls)
 Evelyn Edmondson (Sainte Genevieve, PQ)
 Howie & Bonnie Dietrich (Waterloo)
 Ken Fagel (Kitchener)
 Earl Gaukel (St George)
 Don & Joyce Gosling (Georgetown)
 Art & Ruth Hayward (Simcoe)
 Murray & Merrilynn Hodgkin’s (St Thomas)
 Terry Kivell (Breechin)
 Bill Kurelo (Oshawa)
 Joan Lewis (Stouffville)
 Buddy & Anne-Marie Lowe (Niagara Falls)
 Jim & Dolly McCurry (Utterson)
 Barry & Pat Milner (Guelph)
 Shirley Nobes (Brantford)
 Isabel Payne (Hampton)
 Jean Peters (Warkworth)

Doug & Diane Poulin (Dorion)
 Paul & Kathy Sales (Sauble Beach)
 Susan Sisson (Minden)
 Lumina Snider (Marysville, Michigan)
 Bud & Michelle Stanley (New Hamburg)
 Al & Marlene Thorpe (Ottawa)
 Bill Upper (Cornwall)
 Deborah & Robert Wilcock (Aurora)
 Don Yeck (Belmont)

The last edition of the NEWS..carried a partial article on Harold Townsley’s 2010 Induction into Halton Hills Sports Museum The final chapter.....*After a successful playing career on the ice and ball diamond, Townsley spent the next five decades imparting his knowledge and skills to the*



*youth of Acton, **entering the Sports Hall of Fame as a Builder.** The Stratford native shone as a left-winger on the Acton Jr. D teams of the late 1940s and played professionally for the Washington Lions of the Eastern Hockey League before the team folded in 1952.*

Townsley starred and was captain for Acton Intermediate Tanners’ hockey teams as well as being a baseball catcher for the Acton Merchants in the Halton County loop. A firefighter and later the Acton Arena Manager, ‘Sonny’ was a coach and manager on youth teams in almost every age group in Acton and Erin until 2005. Also serving as a referee and executive member, earning Acton’s Citizen of the Year Award in 2000. ...He passed away November 22nd in his 82nd year....John Archibald was the first to share the news of the passing with The Prez..Harold’s obit will be posted on the Alumni Web site.. Obits will no longer be delivered with the Alumni NEWS....

Tracy Cotton recently caught up with “Niagara Falls Entrepreneur” ..Buddy Lowe and his sweetie Anne-Marie to make a presentation.. in recognition of their 25th Wedding Anniversary.. The Prez learned that the Lowe family business has relocated their complete line of sporting goods and promotional products business .. “Hang Ups” 99 Sportswear into a much larger building..at 6537 Kister Road in Niagara Falls.. a few weeks ago.. from their previous Montrose Road address...they started the business in 1999... while Buddy was still employed by the City of Niagara Falls...truly a success story.. Congratulations Buddy & Anne-Marie!!!!



Gabrielle Horvath took the pic..while Fred made the Retirement presentation to Port Colborne’s former Director of Community Services Tom Lannan.. According to an unofficial source...Tom insisted that his wife Carmen..be part of the accord...

Tom Lannan spent his entire 34 year and 7 month municipal career in his home town... he enrolled in the Sports Administration Programme at Durham College in Oshawa in 1973, graduating in 1975. Began his profession with the municipally of Port Colborne June 2nd 1975.Landing the Programme Supervisor's position, held previously by Fred Horvath..

Kathryn Hogan (St Thomas) “This is amazing.. thank you so much for this wonderful tribute to my aunt Kathy Brown”.

Bob & Zora Jean Thomlinson (Sault Ste Marie)..wrote..“Zora Jean is doing pretty good. Although there are more problems. She starts on a Chemo Pill and had another cat scan November 21st..will tell us more...hopefully the pill will work...The Golden Years are rusting”....Bob played innumerable rounds of golf this past summer..the current weather has changed all that..***get the snow blower ready!!!!***...



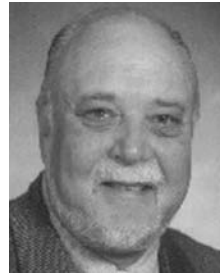
Running great Friesen dies suddenly..Jerry Friesen died suddenly while doing what he did best - running. The well known Grimsby runner Jerry Friesen died November 2nd at the age of 51...Blocks away from his home in Grimsby..... An accomplished athlete while growing up, whether it was track and field, cross-country or football, he represented Canada on the world stage in boxing...Jerry spent 21 years working for the Town of Grimsby in the Recreation and Parks Department....Whether it was enjoying his passion on the streets of Grimsby or organizing races, there wasn't a day the 51-year-old Grimsby resident wasn't involved in the sport: from operating InStride Productions, presenter of the Subaru of Hamilton Niagara Running Series and the Cruise to Run, or working for TriSport Canada, presenter of the Subaru Triathlon Series.

Tony Brenner chirped in.. *"Although Jerry left the industry a number of years ago to start his own business, I had the pleasure of meeting him while he was a student in my Strategic Business Administration Program about 12 years ago. He had a magnetic personality and we struck up a colleague relationship and stayed in touch over the years. He also coached my daughter and son-in-law with their running activities"*.

The ever observant Tony Brenner wrote... *"I've noticed that a lot of the cars have been shedding their summer chromed wheels and they're being replaced with ugly black winter rims and tires. I think this is a message for us to head for the southwest sunshine. Not before celebrating our daughter's birthday. Susan and I are enjoying the grandson and it will be tougher leaving for the winter this time..although the family will be making several trips to Arizona. .*

Bill "Swanee" Swanton (Simcoe).. *.wrote..I recently had hip replacement surgery.. and have not been able to function as well.. until*

the rehab is completed...Things seem to be much better now, my surgeon suggested surgery on my right knee.. fairly soon... old wounds from my sports days are all coming back to haunt me. My younger bulletproof days from the past are now nothing more than memories.. and now it is time to fix things up.. he suspects!!!....Swanton had an interesting varied career. Beginning with the Ministry of Correctional Affairs.School teacher in Prince Edward Island. Facilities



Manager and Parks Director, for the City of Nanticoke. Silent partner, Ingersoll Inn. Built and operated, "Swanee's", a sports pub, in Waterford. Started a management company in the country music business. Managed

two female singers, spent time in the heart of country music in Nashville, and much more..... and now in Real Estate in Simcoe..

Al & Marlene Thorpe have settled in Ottawa with their daughter Valerie...in what is known as the Glebe neighborhood.. a short distance from Lansdowne Park...why the move!!!....April 2011.. Marlene suffers a very serious stroke.. spends seven months in a Huntsville Hospital...they leave their Huntsville homestead November 1st..and move to Ottawa...Marlene gets around in a wheel chair..

Al a loyal Alumni supporter ..is always at the front of the line.. to pay his annual membership commitment.. The Prez noted that something was not quite right..and elected to get in touch with Al..a member of the Muskoka Trio....only to learn what had transpired...a call to Valerie's Ottawa home...and hearing the apologetic Al..share the rationale behind ..why membership had not been paid..we hope that Marlene's health improves.. and the family finds a new family doctor...



RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Chairperson ...Ethel Dalton

*Happy Birthday Greetings
Everyone!*



JANUARY

- 01 Anne Fraser
- 04 Anita Riddle
- 09 Bill Kurelo
- 09 Doug Lloyd
- 11 Violet England
- 11 Leo Bigger
- 12 Paul Sales
- 14 Diana Curry
- 17 Christine Marx
- 17 Barry Milner
- 21 Helen M. Syrie
- 23 Jane Curtis
- 25 William (Bill) Thorne
- 26 Marlene Thorpe
- 30 Jim Diamond

FEBRUARY

- 05 Mary Lynn Wright
- 06 Michael Barnes
- 09 Deborah Wilcock
- 11 Karen Lee Horodenka
- 11 Enid Jenkins
- 14 Winston Hill
- 14 Mary Robinson
- 17 Mary Hoskins
- 19 John Fraser
- 19 Shirley Mayhew
- 21 Helen Crompton
- 21 John Archibald
- 22 Steve Hardie
- 23 Carol Bramwell
- 23 Donna Bull
- 24 Ruth Bishop
- 24 Ev Klementti
- 28 Charles Dalton



TOP TO BOTTOM L TO R:

- Steve Hardie (Palmerston)
- John Archibald (Acton)
- Bill Thorne (Trenton)
- Jim Diamond (Ilderton)
- John and Anne Fraser (Garson)
- Doug Lloyd (Cambridge)
- Shirley Mayhew (Kingston)
- Evelyn Klementti (Orillia)
- Diana Curry (Torrance)



Christine Marx (Waterloo) & Donna Bull (Toronto)





Ethel Dalton
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**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
GREETINGS
TO THESE MIGHTY FINE FOLKS....
"LASTING LOVE, ROBUST
HEALTH & HAPPINESS"**

January
01/06/93 Larry Cowles & Pat Morton

February
02/10/59 Jim & Dolly McCurry
02/13/85 Linda Hosier & Mike Ward
02/19/66 Larry & Linda Johnstone
02/19/55 Charles & Ethel Dalton



TOP TO BOTTOM.. Linda Hosier & Mike Ward (Gormley)...Larry Cowles & Pat Morton (Sauble Beach)..Charles & Ethel Dalton (Thamesford)..Jim & Dolly McCurry (Utterson) Larry & Linda Johnstone (Red Deer, Alberta)

Al Wynne would love to hear from you...



The Prez was shocked to learn from his wife Nola, that Al is in final stages of stage four pancreatic cancer. She wrote.. *"There are no treatments available and we are trying to make him as comfortable as possible at home.*

Although he sleeps a great deal, he would love to hear from any old colleagues or friends. Our telephone number is 519-443-5342....It is important to me for Al to know how many lives he has touched."..

Their mailing address is...

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Always a pleasure to hear from the Georgetown couple..Don & Joyce Gosling.. Don is the oldest surviving Past President of the Ontario Arenas Association..1971/72.. next to The Prez who served two terms 1977-79..they wrote... *"We are getting a bit older and a tad slower.. we always look forward to receiving the NEWS....its always a bit of a dust up.. as to who gets to read it first!!!..Bud you are wonderful to have published the NEWS for so long..We read that Jada is still going strong... please remember him if you see him or any other member of the Alumni sees him.. may everyone enjoy a very good winter and an enjoyable Christmas!!!*

Paul & Marlene Leskew (Orillia) shared the following with The Prez.. "that J.C. Hebert formerly of Sturgeon Falls had passed away..December 2nd 2011"...Jean Claude left to go drive the big Zamboni in the

sky..JC enjoyed life to its fullest. He had a passion for sports, baseball - both playing and coaching, hockey as a coach, fishing and curling. He spent his life working in arenas and used to say he was married to them, until one day a spunky little redhead showed up and turned his life upside down. Taking his love for the ice a step further, his new life with Shelley began at centre ice at the St-Charles Arena, where they were married March 18, 2006 (wearing Montreal Canadians hockey jerseys!). JC was a musician,who volunteered his time DJ'ing, singing and playing his right handed guitar upside down as a member of the Front Porch Pickers and as one of "Dave's Friends". He volunteered as a member of the Temagami Lions Club, Oakville Knights of Columbus and many other service groups. He made Temagami his home"..The Prez knew the family during his time in Sturgeon Falls...December 1st 1966-June 30th 1973..Terry Piche went to school with him and his brother Charley...

Former South Porcupine native Terry Talentino was elated to learn of the formation of the "Carlo Cattarello Arena Alumni"..and the publication of their very informative first newsletter.. that was shared with The Prez.. driven by Cochrane born..South Porcupine raised Reg Gervais..The red head and The Prez had a lengthy telephone conversation..on how we started our Alumni..upon reading their publication ..The Prez recognized and happened to know many of the names that appeared in their initial publication..

Author Terry Talentino received a set back in moving forward with his book... "Essence of Life," on the Golden mile of it's people..culture and traditions in South Porcupine.. is now in a "hiatus," because his co-author, Brian Ehman's recent passing. Hopefully, he will put pen to paper in 2012 to complete the book by June of next year.



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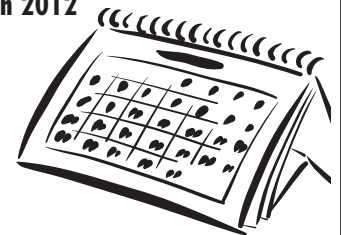
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