

# A special farewell from student Gay Cudmore

by Ron Johnson

This week's Rotary luncheon was the scene of some heartfelt moments, as the local club said farewell to their exchange student, Gay Cudmore.

Gay Cudmore has spent the last year in and around the Midland area, living with six different families of Rotarians.

Cudmore had the opportunity to speak her thoughts at the meeting as well, and her reminiscences of the past 12 months made for an entertaining if not emotional talk.

She began by recalling her first adventures in North America. She recalled running into a member of a wedding party in a San Francisco hotel after flying for 15 hours from Australia. The slightly inebriated guest welcomed her and several other exchange students by giving them a bottle of champagne. A nice gesture, except that they were stuck in San Francisco for seven hours due to snow.

Cudmore made a point of listing many of the "firsts" which happened to her in the year spent in Canada. Many of them could only have happened to her in the "Great White North".

Here are some of the things which Gay Cudmore experienced for the first time:

Her flight to North America was the first time she had flown. While in Canada she saw snow for the first time, and she will not be too sad to see the last of it either.

Along with the snow, she took part or observed several winter sports for the initial time. Among these, were hockey, which she especially enjoyed and will sorely miss, curling, especially the Rotary Bonspiel at which she had a lot of fun and exhibited little skill, snowmobiling, ice skating, and professional football, as it is played in Buffalo in -24 degrees Celsius weather.

Cudmore experienced two holidays in the year which are peculiar to

North America in the manner in which they are celebrated. One is Thanksgiving which is not celebrated elsewhere, and the other is Hallowe'en, an occasion marked differently here than in other countries.

There were at least two occasions which she felt a real longing for her family. First, her birthday which she shares with her father, and Christmas, a time when it is customary to be going home.

Her attraction and affinity for this area is underlined by Gay's statement that she now regards Midland as home, and will until the time when she returns to Australia.

She expressed her gratitude to all the members of the Rotary Club for their part in making her feel at home in the area, and for sending her to the many functions throughout the year. She stressed her thanks individually to the six Rotarians who welcomed her into their families and let her become part of those families.

In closing, Gay Cudmore recited a poem which she had written to mark this special occasion, and which bespoke her inner feelings on her departure. The poem went like this:

Now the year is over, And I know how much I've grown.

I cannot take the credit, For having done it on my own.

So here's thanks to everybody, You all have been so kind,

To a foreign kid so far from home, In whose heart you'll find

A love for Midland Rotary, That cannot be compared.

For only you and I will know, The great year we have shared.

## Flos official plan meeting to be held

A Public Meeting will be held at the Township of Flos Office, 14 Queen Street East, Elmvale, Ontario, on Monday, Jan. 17, between 8 p.m. and 9 p.m., for Amendment Number One, to the Official Plan of the Township of Flos.

The purpose of this meeting is—

1. To amend the

consent policies of the Plan so as to permit the severance of a surplus farm house created by the consolidation of two farms on a lot where previous severances

had already been granted prior to May 31, 1976.

2. To correct the location of the Commercial designation in

the area of Lot 5, Concession 6, as it affects the existing Building Supply Outlet and Carpet Store.

3. To correct certain typographical errors to the text of the recently consolidated Official Plan.

For further information on the above please contact the Township Office.

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# Cross-country skiing

## A neat way to beat this winter's blahs

by CAROL DIMOCK  
"Get away from the winter blues - go cross-country skiing."

That's the advice of Louis Maheu, manager of Lafontaine En Action.

"It's good exercise, it's healthy, and it gives you something exciting to do in the winter. Even when it's really cold outside, once you get skiing you feel great."

This year, Lafontaine En Action offers 40 kilometers of groomed ski trails, ranging from extremely easy amateur trails to the challenging Senior trail.

Sales and rentals of Ski equipment such as boots, poles, skis, waxes and accessories are available at the chalet.

The ski chalet also provides a warm fire

and hot food and drinks for refreshments. Burgers, hot dogs and fries are available this year for the first time.

Another new addition to the services of Lafontaine En Action is a place to warm up along the way. A stove has been installed in an old sugar camp on the new trail which opened last season. It's a picturesque spot among the trees which will delight weary skiers.

Moonlight Skiing will be held again this year, on Jan. 29, Feb. 26, and March 16. The beauty of the moonlit snow deep in the forest is unforgettable. The skiing is followed by a social evening in the chalet, from 8 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., with hot chili or another

delicious meal and drinks.

This is the fourth year of operation for Lafontaine en Action, which is a non-profit organization operated by a board of directors. It is funded by fees and memberships and has received grants from the Ministry of Culture and Recreation.

Members of the board are: Louis Maheu, Victor Moreau, Martial Dupuis, Raymond Gignac, Pierre-Paul Maurice, Gilles Maurice, Helene Devillers, Anita

Maurice and Doug Moreau. There is one vacant seat on the board this year, which Louis hopes will be filled by a skiing enthusiast.

Helping out at the ski trails are young members of Katimavik who are billeted at homes in the community and work as staff. They take care of the rentals, the cooking and grooming the trails.

Good skiing weather brings busloads of people to the trails. As many as 600 skiers will come on a good weekend.



## Township of Tiny Planning Board

The ratepayers of the Township of Tiny are cordially invited to attend a public meeting at the Township of Tiny Municipal Office in Perkinsfield, at 7:30 p.m. on January 19th, 1983.

The meeting is to present and receive comments from the ratepayers of the municipality on Proposed Amendment No. 1 to the Official Plan.

Proposed Amendment No. 1 is to alter the Official Plan to redesignate property situated on Part of Lots 18 and 19, Plan 83, Concession 14 East from Rural and Environmental to Marine Commercial.

Your input and participation would be greatly appreciated.

Roger E. Robitaille,  
Planning Director,  
Township of Tiny

## Medonte receives \$7,500. grant

A community planning study grant of almost \$7,500 has been awarded to the Township of Medonte.

The provincial grant will assist the township to prepare a comprehensive zoning bylaw which will implement the land use policies of the official plan approved in 1980.

Community planning study grants are designed to encourage municipalities to review and update their planning programs, zoning bylaws and other planning documents.

They may also be used for special studies on local issues such as lakeshore development or commercial development along highways, and for energy-conserving planning measures.

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