

opinion



Volunteerism ... the Canadian way

Ah ... the Volunteer. Someone that this country of ours couldn't do without. Volunteers literally run this country, this province, and yes, this town. If it wasn't for the volunteer many things wouldn't be here.

There wouldn't be a recreation committee to see that each and every one of us is kept amused, athletic, occupied and all of the other things that recreation is meant to do. There wouldn't be any Brownies, Girl Guides, Scouts or Cubs for our kids to go to. There wouldn't be any dances, winter carnivals, social events or anything else of that nature. There wouldn't be any Community News in this newspaper to speak of. But that's not all.

Think of the things that volunteers do. Think of the hours of time that are devoted to volunteerism in Terrace Bay, Schreiber and also Rossport. Without them, the towns would be dead. The people would be boob-tube addicts. The kids would have nothing to do, not to mention the parents.

Volunteers certainly are an intricate part of today's society. Right now the town of Terrace Bay is looking for just that type of person. People are needed to plan for and organize the upcoming 25th "Birthday Week" celebrations that Terrace Bay so deserves. But there aren't that many interested people out there.

Pardon me ... many are interested. Many are sitting back saying to themselves ... "It's about time that Terrace Bay got off their duffs, and did something in the form of celebrations." "It's really wonderful that Ollie Chapman has thought of something great for this town."

Yes folks, it is nice ... it's really great ... BUT ... we need more than interested people. We need people who want to help. We need people who want to make sure that Terrace Bay is given what it well deserves. We need volunteers! Individuals who will share their thoughts and ideas. Individuals who will donate of their time, a few hours. Individuals who want to see one hell of a birthday party take place during the last week of June into the first of July weekend. Yes ... that's what we need.

Here's a list of proposed ideas that Councillor Chapman has come up with. If you want to see any of them followed through, please contact Ollie and let her know what you wish to see.

- a two bar-b-q at the beach
- a "Julyfest" Golf Tournament
- a Parade with a contest for floats and a children's birthday party
- an Art and Craft Show
- Puppet Shows for children
- an Open House where past and present residents of Terrace Bay can get together and mingle
- a Youth Dance (with a live band)
- a Talent Show Night
- a bicycle rodeo
- a Birthday Dinner and Dance
- the Taiwan Twinning
- a visit from the Thunder Bay Pipe Band
- an air show of the Skyhawks
- a levee and much, much more.

This is just a sample of what will take place if there are enough people out there who are interested in assisting Ollie with her ideas. The local Union plans on getting involved with a wide variety of events. They are looking at organizing a 'lumberjack' competition plus numerous other features. Other organizations are invited to represent themselves. The more ... the merrier!

Plans are now being made to hold an initial meeting of the "Birthday Week Celebrations Committee" and this is scheduled to take place on Thursday, March 22 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at the Rec Centre. If you would like more information on this very worthwhile venture, or if you are definitely interested in helping out, then give Ollie Chapman a call at 825-3289 and tell her what you would like to see.

Make this "Birthday Week" one to remember.

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We are often asked questions about our faith and beliefs. To answer these same questions our prophet, seer and revelator, Joseph Smith, about 150 years ago, penned these Articles of Faith as the Lord directed him. They are the guidelines that we live and worship by today.

Articles of Faith

of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

The Godhead: 1. We believe in God, the Eternal Father, and in His Son, Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Ghost.

Responsibility for sin: 2. We believe that men will be punished for their own sins, and not for Adam's transgression.

Salvation: 3. We believe that through the Atonement of Christ, all mankind may be saved, by obedience to the laws and ordinances of the Gospel.

First Principles: 4. We believe that the first principles and ordinances of the Gospel are: first, Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; second, Repentance; third, Baptism by immersion for the remission of sins; fourth, Laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Authority: 5. We believe that a man must be called of God, by prophecy, and by the laying on of hands, by those who are in authority to preach the Gospel and administer in the ordinances thereof.

Organization: 6. We believe in the same organization that existed in the Primitive Church, viz., apostles, prophets, pastors, teachers, evangelists, etc.

Spiritual Gifts: 7. We believe in the gift of tongues, prophecy, revelation, visions, healing, interpretation of tongues, etc.

Scriptures: 8. We believe the Bible to be the word of God as far as it is translated correctly; we also believe the Book of Mormon to be the word of God.

Revelation: 9. We believe all that God has revealed, all that He does now reveal, and we believe that He will yet reveal many great and important things pertaining to the Kingdom of God.

Christ's Reign on Earth: 10. We believe in the literal gathering of Israel and in the restoration of the Ten Tribes; that Zion will be built upon this (the American) continent; that Christ will reign personally upon the earth; and, that the earth will be renewed and receive its paradisiacal glory.

Freedom: 11. We claim the privilege of worshipping Almighty God according to the dictates of our own conscience, and allow all men the same privilege, let them worship how, where, or what they may.

Obedience to Law: 12. We believe in being subject to kings, presidents, rulers, and magistrates, in obeying, honouring, and sustaining the law.

Search for Truth: The Good Life: 13. We believe in being honest, true, chaste, benevolent, virtuous, and in doing good to all men; indeed, we may say that we follow the admonition of Paul - We believe all things, we hope all things, we have endured many things, and hope to be able to endure all things. If there is anything virtuous, lovely, or of good report or praiseworthy, we seek after these things.

Joseph Smith

This Week's Chuckle

Better to have loved a short man, than never to have loved a tall?

Arthur Black



Antigua fun

I have but one simple wish for all of us today. I fervently hope that it is warmer — a lot warmer — when you read this ... than it is as I am writing it.

I just checked the outdoor thermometer a few minutes ago. Twenty below! Twenty below in the middle of March is daunting enough for the most durable of Northerners — but I'm in an especially vulnerable state right now. I just got back from a tiny jewel of a Caribbean island called Antigua, where kids toss coconuts instead of snowballs and the only ice you'll find is floating in tall, frosty glasses of pina colada.

Twenty below this morning! Just two days ago I was sipping a

pina colada in the Antigua airport. The temperature there was 95.

Above.

We had quite a contingent. Eighteen Thunder Bonians in our platoon, and we picked up two more while we were down there. Or perhaps they picked us up, it doesn't really matter. We swam and sailed and shopped and sunned and generally pigged-out on various and sundry tropical delights.

Antigua is a grand place to indulge in that sort of things. It's a mere 108 square miles of mountains, palm trees and rain

forests ... all rimmed by beaches of eye-squintingly white sand.

I'd like to tell you all the bad things about Antigua too. About how it's hideously overcrowded, about the snakes and the alligators and the guerrilla bands with submachine guns hiding out in the mountains ... but I can't. Antigua isn't crowded. There are about 40,000 more people in the city of Thunder Bay than there are on the whole island. And Antigua has no alligators - no snakes even. As for guerrilla warriors, the closest thing to a military operation I saw in two weeks of touring the island was a cricket match between two teams — sorry, "sides" — of native schoolchildren, all decked out in traditional whites.

Oh yes, that's another plus for Antigua. As an ex-dependency of Great Britain, Antigua's mother tongue is English.

Sort of. Actually when two Antiguan talk to each other it sounds like Bob Marley at double-speed in an echo chamber — virtually incomprehensible. But when they speak to foreigners, like you and me, they slow it down to a waltzy, lilting, Harry Belafonte pace that even the most rhythmless North American ear can take-in.

Even the money was simple. One Canadian greenback buys you two EC (Eastern Caribbean) dollars. They have five-dollar bills, ten-dollar bills, twenty and

hundred-dollar bills — not to mention five, ten and twenty-five cent pieces, just like us.

Ah, it was a wonderful two weeks ... and it lasted right up until the moment the Air Canada flight attendant opened the fuse-lage door at Thunder Bay airport and a good old, Northwestern Ontario, late winter, gale-force breeze hit us all flush in our sun-tanned faces.

Don't get me wrong now — I'm not complaining. I'm glad to be home. Honest. I'm just having a little trouble adjusting, that's all.

But I'm "re-acclimatizing", bit by bit. For instance, I haven't whimpered for nearly an hour now.

And next week I'm going to try typing my column without wearing ski mitts.