

**PORTLAND FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION**

The Portland Firemen's Association held its annual Turkey Bingo December 14th. Regular game winners for turkeys were Barb Seward, Anne Hamilton, Goodson Mattice, Bette Slack, Rita Whelton, Helen Majors. Double game winners were Willie Olderdorp, Loretta Vanluven, Darrell Findlay; and three game winner, Lola Mattice. Special game winners for large turkeys were Gary Hanna, Jake Way, and Bernice Baker. Christmas Draw winners for glass turkeys were: 1st - John Bastedo; 2nd - Kevin Pommerville; 3rd - Brian Lee. The Ladies Auxiliary Christmas draw winners were: 1st prize, Basket of Groceries - Gary Hanna; 2nd prize, Cannister set - Nancy Welch; 3rd prize, doillies - Debbie Callan. A large crowd was on hand for the Christmas tree burning and skating party hosted by the Firemen's Association and Ladies Auxiliary. The ladies had hot dogs and hot chocolate on hand for the skaters. Hopefully this will become an annual community event. The Firefighters of Bastard and South Burgess and the Fire Chiefs of Leeds and Grenville attended a dinner and dance at the Royal Canadian Legion Hall, January 20th, in honour of retired Fire Chief, Ab Shire. An excellent dinner was catered to by the Legions Ladies Auxiliary. Ab retired in December after 36 years of service. He was presented with a book and a clock from the firefighters of Portland and Delta stations. His wife, Mary, was also presented with a plaque from the Ladies Auxiliary of Portland Station. Saturday, March 3rd, the Firemen's Association and Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting the annual Fish Fry at the Portland Community Hall. See you there.

**HARLEM-CHANTRY U.C.W.**

Mrs. Nancy Wykes was hostess for the January 2 meeting. Mrs. Alice Campbell, president for the month, welcomed the members, thanked the hostess, and opened the meeting. Roll call was answered by 8 members with a verse on the theme "new years." Helen Woods conducted the worship service. Marjorie Emmons gave a paper on "Thoughts for the New Year." Seven home and 20 hospital calls were made and 7 books were read. Minutes, correspondence and business were dealt with. Cards were signed for shut-ins. 1990 dues were paid, donations were received for the project, and members decided to save dimes, nickles and pennies. Meeting closed with Benediction and a social hour. Margaret Cripps will be hostess for the next meeting, February 6.

**PORTLAND COMMUNITY BOARD MINUTES**

November 8, 1989, with Andrew, Bastedo, Derraugh, Hull, James, McWhirter, Ostrom, Scovil, Smith, Stinson in attendance. McWhirter/James - that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as printed and distributed subject to necessary corrections. Carried. McWhirter and Andrew had decided on investigation, not to proceed with further drainage work at the Hall because the problem was more complex than simply the draining of a small area. Both the drainage and the soil level beside the library would require substantial study in the spring, especially since the floor of the library shows signs of deterioration, probably from poor air circulation. The Hall rental notice in the North Leeds Lantern had been noticed by a number of Ward 1 residents. The Editor will arrange to continue the notice. James/Smith - that the issue of ploughing private roads in Ward 1 at public expense be considered at the annual public meeting of the Board, December 13, 1989. Carried. Treasurer Derraugh delivered an oral report with a written report to follow with the minutes. Report covered only three weeks due to changing month end closing at the bank. Receipt \$ 419.00 Expenditures \$1,037.00 Balance \$3,115.00 Savings A/C \$ 757.00 The Treasurer commented that some revenues were well below budget targets. Report approved. Correspondence to and from the Board was considered. Committee Reports: Custodian - Don Burchill sent a statement of Hall use for October, showing 12 activities, of which 5 were paying. Maintenance - a) All catchbasins have been cleaned by Township crews. b) Walkway to the library has been rebuilt. c) Residents on Cedar Cove Road ask that a narrow spot in the road be marked or widened. Public Relations - advertisements re hall rentals to continue in Lantern. Government Dock - Carl Smith reported that to cover the main section of the dock, which is 18' x 100', in appropriate planking (3"x10") would cost \$15,410.00 This is material only, and takes no account of the likely necessity of repairing the upper section of the cribbing. It is hoped that the Small Craft Harbours branch of the Ministry of Fisheries and Oceans will pay for this as well as supply the proposed floating dock. New Business - Discussions re a) Decorating a tree beside the Post Office for Christmas. b) Family skating party after Christmas. c) Possible fundraisers: i) variety concert ii) Vegas night iii) play iv) 24 hour bingo. This last item brought considerable interest. Ken Derraugh and Arch Ostrom are to investigate further and report. Adjournment at 9:15p.m.

**LEGION LITERARY WINNERS**

Portland: Rideau Lakes Branch No.231 Annual Remembrance Literary Competition has been completed. There were 46 entries from South Crosby Public School (SC), Rideau Centennial Public School (RC), and Rideau District High School (RDHS). Students are entered into categories according to their school grades. Grades 1-3 do posters. The remainder are required to write either an essay or a poem on why we should remember the men and women who gave their lives during the world wars for our country and freedom. First, second, third and fourth place winners received cash awards. All participants received certificates. First prize winners are entered in the Zone G-2 competition. Congratulations are extended to all participants. A very special thanks to the school principals, teachers and staff for their support and co-operation. The winners are: Posters, Grades 1-3: 1st Jamin Trumbley, SC; 2nd Bobbie Ashie, SC; 3rd - Carrie Olivo, SC; 4th - Derek Dunfield, RC. Junior, grades 4-6: Essay: 1st - Amy Welch, SC; 2nd - Julie Kendall, RC; 3rd - Nicole Wachniuk, RC; 4th John Knox - RC. Poem: 1st - Amy Taylor, SC; 2nd - Chrystal Taylor, SC; 3rd - Philip Kompass, RC; 4th - Mark Kerr, SC. Intermediate, grades 7-8: Essay: 1st - Erin Winnie, SC; 2nd - Tricia Hayes, SC. Poem: 1st - Mary Goulah, SC; 2nd - Scott Carr, RC; 3rd - Grundel Lake, SC; 4th - Jennifer O'Connor, RC. Seniors, grades 9-12: Poem: 1st - Julia Duncan, RDHS; 2nd - Jason St.Pierre, RDHS; 3rd - Dennis McCabe, RDHS; 4th - Jennifer Duncan, RDHS. Special: The John Greenhorn Memorial Trophy, for the best overall presentation, was won by Amy Taylor, SC. Zone G-2: At the zone level, Amy Welch placed 3rd in the junior essay; Amy Taylor placed 1st in the junior poem; Mary Goulah placed 1st in the intermediate poem; Julia Duncan placed 1st in the senior poem. As of December 26th the results of the poster contest had not been received. District G: Amy Taylor, Mary Goulah and Julia Duncan are entered in the District G finals.



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\* Welcome back to Don Burchill, returning to duty after a lengthy recuperation. And a special thank-you to Yvonne Gard for keeping the school facilities in top-notch condition during Don's absence. \* A special thank-you also to students, staff and parents who made our Christmas concert a great success. Donations at the door will add \$227.30 to our library book fund. \* On January 11, the Grade 8 students went to Rideau District High School for a morning of orientation activities. \* On January 12, the classes of Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Johnston visited the Museum of Civilization in Ottawa. Guided tours of the Museum provided an interesting and informative introduction to the new study units in the History curriculum. As well, students experienced the latest in film projection technology at Cineplus, the first theatre in the world to offer both IMAZR and OMNIMAXR giant screens. \* The week of February 5-9 has been chosen for our Winter Carnival. Several events are planned, including skiing at Calabogie (for Intermediate students), outdoor games, a day at Westport arena, classroom door decorating, a cake raffle, hat day, and a pancake lunch. A penny collection and a Valentine's dance will round out our Winter celebration and tie it into an awareness of Heart Month. The penny collection will be donated to the Heart and Stroke Fund. \* On January 16, Jim Jordan, MP for Leeds-Grenville, visited the school. During a short assembly with Grades 5-8 students, Mr. Jordan described his work as Member of Parliament and responded to some very direct questions from the students. Jennifer O'Connor, a Grade 8 student, interviewed Mr. Jordan following the assembly. \* Orders are now being taken for Reflections '89, our school yearbook. Co-editors are Mike Heagle and Kyle Strickland.

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