



Portland ACW

Emmanuel ACW met on Dec. 10 at Penny Capell's home with 17 members present. Doreen Campbell brought regrets from Clara Hull and acted as president in her place. The meeting began with prayer and the singing of Silent Night; Wanda Merriman, Evelyn Swain and Auda Byington led the devotions on a Christmas theme. The minutes were read and the annual financial report given. Kay Levy sent greetings from Florida and a donation to the work of the ACW in Portland. Doreen thanked Anne McInrue for convening the dinner for the Senior Citizens. A new foster child, this time from the Philippines, has been assigned to the group. After the closing prayer, Kathy Kompass told two enchanting stories before the distribution of parcels from Secret Pals. The evening ended with a feast of Christmas goodies.

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The ACW met on January 14 at Raymie Dougherty's home with eighteen members present and one visitor. The president, Anne McInrue opened the meeting. There followed the members' prayer, the Lord's prayer and the devotions led by Margaret Stinson and Reba Bolton. The secretary read the minutes and called the roll, and the treasurer gave her report. Mary Anne Acton was welcomed as a new member of the ACW, Emmanuel Church. Claire Myers will convene the Valentine party at Doreen Campbell's home in February. The business part of the meeting closed with Evening prayer.

Kathy Kompass introduced the guest speaker, Mr. Ralph Eibner, who spoke about a two-week stay he made in Mexico. Mr. Eibner is a member of the Church Development Committee, and his job is to carry out educational work in the diocese concerning the work that is going on in other countries. His trip to Mexico is connected to the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund. During his "experience programme" he learnt much about himself. After giving us some facts about the country and in particular, about Mexico City, he showed a video cassette made by a group of young Anglicans on a similar trip to Mexico. These young people spoke about how they felt about what they saw and heard in Mexico: the extreme poverty, the need for human rights among the refugees from other Latin American countries, and the Christian community in Latin America. Kathy thanked the speaker and over coffee and tea afterwards we were able to ask questions and look at more pictures and examples of some of the beautiful handiwork of the Mexican people.

In order that members might attend an afternoon Christmas concert at Rideau Centennial School the UCW met at 10:30. The meeting opened with a humorous skit entitled 'The committee for the Christmas pageant holds its annual meeting', with Lucile Strong, Sylvia French and Phyllis Fuller taking part. They along with Jean Sheffield led the worship service. Other members placed Christmas symbols on a small Christmas tree, telling the significance of each and reading a scripture pertaining to it. President Betty Bond conducted the business, welcoming everyone and thanking all who helped at the Christmas market and at the dinner served to superannuated teachers. Our final donation to M&S which included a generous amount from Harlem-Chantry UCW was made. Other donations were made to World Development and Relief, the bursary fund, Bridge House and Dawn House. Betty expressed her thanks to all who had helped her during the two years as president. Sylvia French presented the report of the nominating committee: Honorary Pres.-Marion Seeley; Past Pres.-Betty Bond; Pres.-Norma Guthrie; 1st Vice-Jean Peters; 2nd Vice-Claire Mills; Sec.-Phyllis Fuller; Treas.-Vivian Perrin; Community Friendship-Dorothy Palmer; Stewardship-Lucile Strong; Press Reporter-Dorothy Cassell; Social Committee-Sylvia French, Jean Sheffield, Claire Mills; Nominating Committee-Betty Bond, Jean Polk, Vivian Perrin. At noon 24 members enjoyed a pot luck dinner followed by an exchange of gifts. The next meeting will be Jan. 19 when annual reports will be given.

PORTLAND AND COMMUNITY BOARD.

The regular meeting of the Board was held at 1930 hours on Wednesday, January 13, 1988. Fifteen members attended.

Alex Graham was appointed Chairman for 1988. The Treasurer's report showing funds on hand of \$5,039.38. was accepted. No committee reports. The following Committees were established for 1988 Maintenance, A McWhirter Recreation, J. Bastedo Barbeque, B. James Public Relations, B. Scovil Planning, K. Bryden Government Dock, R. Long. The inclusion of a central panel to the alarm installation with a total cost of \$1,600.00 was approved.

The Township Recreation Committee has supplied grants to the Board for Rink Maintenance \$300.00 Hall Capital Expenses \$500.00.

A Neighbourhood Watch Program was discussed and it was decided to ask the O.P.P. to send a representative to the next Board Meeting.

The first of four \$1,500.00 payments to assist in the Pride program will be made to the Municipality in September.

Next Meeting Wednesday, February 10, 1988.

HEALTH CENTRE IN PORTLAND TO OPEN JANUARY 25th.

Portland, Ontario's 16th Community Health Centre will open on January 25th, 1988.

Health Minister Elinor Caplan approved the establishment of a centre in December. At that time she announced that the centre would receive a capital grant of \$67,000.00 for start-up and \$54,000.00 for operations in 1987/88. In 1988/89 the centre will receive operating funds of \$204,000.00.

The Portland District Community Health Centre is the latest facility which the provincial government has approved. Each centre provides health care facilities and programmes which are tailored to the particular needs of the community in which it has been established. One of this centre's important objectives will be preventive health care. The centre is located on Highway #15 in Portland, behind the Perrin Real Estate office. The telephone number is 272-3302.

PORTLAND U.C.W.

January 19 meeting was held at 1 o'clock so all might enjoy a dessert party before the business meeting conducted by President Norma Guthrie. Regular and annual reports were given and letters of thanks were read from Dawn House, Bridge House and from shut-ins remembered at Christmas. Lucile Strong gave the stewardship report and mentioned the many projects of M&S, 75% of which are in Canada. A project to help the Township food bank was planned. Kingston Presbyterial U.C.W. will be held February 23 at Lyn. On March 3 Moderator Anne Squire will speak to sectional presidents at a noon luncheon at Olivet. Portland annual Congregational meeting will be January 27 at 7.30. The Official Board of Elgin-Portland meets in Portland February 3 at 8 p.m. Six members volunteered to help in providing and arranging flowers in the church from May to October. Meetings for February and March will be held at 1 p.m. the next one being February 16. The devotional was in charge of Par Carr, Ruby Simons, Jean Polk and Shirley Scott, with the theme being "Beginning a New Year". A humorous tape on mental health entitled "How to live with yourself" by Dr. Murray Banks was enjoyed and the meeting closed with the Mizpah Benediction.

LEGION LITERARY AWARDS

PORTLAND: Rideau Lakes Branch No 231 Annual Remembrance Day Literary Competition has been completed. There were 40 entries from South Crosby (SC) and Rideau Centennial (RC) Public Schools. 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 world wars for our country and freedom. First, second and third place winners receive a cash prize. All participants receive a certificate. First place winners are entered in the Zone G2 competition. The quality of entries was excellent and congratulations are extended to all participants. A very special thanks to the principals and teachers for their support and co-operation. The winners are:

Posters

Grade 1: 1st. Melanie Seward, SC and Scarlett Thomas, RC.

2nd. Mark Hoogendyk, SC.

3rd. Paula Antonakas, SC.

Grade 2: 1st. Amy McCumber, SC and Melissa Chant, RC.

2nd. Lindsay Saul, SC.

3rd. Anne Leigh, SC.

Grade 3: 1st. Karen Hawkins, SC and Sarah Dillon, RC.

2nd. Erin Rowsell, SC.

3rd. Crystal Bevans, SC.

Junior - Grades 4,5,6

Essay: 1st. Corey Avery, RC;

2nd. Amy Taylor, SC;

3rd. Pamela French, RC.

Poem: 1st. Jennifer O'Connor, RC;

2nd. Erica Baker, RC;

3rd. Erin Mustard, SC.

Intermediate - Grades

7-8

Essay: 1st. Amber Thomas, RC;

2nd. Lisa Freeman, SC;

3rd. Michelle Bryden, SC.

Poem: 1st. Morgan Smith, SC;

2nd. Meredith Campbell, RC;

3rd. Buffy Goring, SC.

Special: The John Greenhorn Memorial Trophy was awarded to Morgan Smith, Gr 7, SC, for her exceptional high merit in her poem on "Remembering".

Zone G2: At the Zone level our entries placed very well. Morgan Smith placed 1st in the Intermediate Poem. Corey Avery placed 1st in the Junior Essay. Jennifer O'Connor placed 2nd in the Junior Poems and Amber Thomas placed 3rd in the Intermediate Essay. Morgan Smith and Corey Avery are