

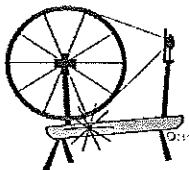
February 2009 - Newsletter

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The **DEADLINE** to have information submitted for the **MARCH** issue of the **NEWSLETTER** is **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2009** at 4:00 P.M. *Please Note: We reserve the right to edit any and all submissions to this newsletter.*

Calling All HandSpinners

The newly established Sherbrooke Spinsters' Guild will be meeting at the Sherbrooke Village Exhibit Centre on the 2nd Monday of each month, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. If you have ever wanted to learn how to spin, incorporate handspun fibre into your knitting or weaving please join us, all levels of interest and skill are welcome. The next meeting will be February 9th. For more information please call Thelma Morris-Fogarty 833-2201 or Lesley Brothers 522-2257.



We Make 'Em, You Bake 'Em Pie Sale.....

St. Thomas Anglican Church Annual We Make 'Em, You Bake 'Em Pie Sale starts on February 2nd, 2009. Prices are \$5.00 for apple, cherry, raisin. \$6.00 for apple pies made with Spenda.



To place orders call:

- Belinda 522-2460
- Angie 522-2268
- Linda 522-2933
- Sandra 522-2833

HEARING RESCHEDULED.....

The NS Utility and Review Board Hearing on the Sherbrooke Water Utility Rates has been **POSTPONED** until Friday, January 30th at 10:30 a.m.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS PLEASE CONTACT THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE OR THE REVIEW BOARD: (902) 424-4448 Fax: (902) 424-3919.

Pour For the Cure Tea

The Port Bickerton Women's Institute will be holding a "Pour For the Cure Tea" on February 14th, 2009. We would like to invite all residents of Harpellville, Port Bickerton and Fisherman's Harbour to join us for a cup of tea and a light lunch. This is in appreciation of all the help we received from our communities. So come join us on February 14th from 2-4 p.m. at the Port Bickerton Community Centre for a good cup of tea, light snacks and time with good friends.



Annual Pancake Brunch

The Port Bickerton Women's Institute will be holding their Annual Pancake, Beans & Sausage Brunch on February 24th from 11am-1pm at the Port Bickerton Community Centre. Come out and enjoy!



Did you know?.....

Birds adapt to winter conditions. They grow more feathers to cope with the cold. The American Goldfinch, for example, has about a thousand more feathers in winter than in summer. The Ruffed Grouse develops scaly growths along its toes to make travel across the powdery, woodland snow easier.

TOPS #5098 LISCOMB

Is weight loss your goal for 2009? TOPS is always open to new members. If you want to Take Off Pounds Sensibly come and visit our chapter. We meet every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship room of Bayview Baptist Church in Spanish Ship Bay. For more information call Debbie at 779-2255.

DART TOURNAMENT.....

The 8th Annual Bob MacKinnon Dart Tournament will be held at the Sylvan Hall, Lochaber on Saturday, February 21st, registration at 9:00 a.m. (3 persons per team mixed). To register contact Anne Marie Archibald 783-2636 or Wayne Greene 783-2248.



Port Bickerton Community Centre

The Community Centre Club would like to thank the many volunteers who helped serve, prepare, decorate and clean-up after the New Years Supper and Dance. It was greatly appreciated.

The **LOTTO TREE** we sold tickets on was won by Donna Dodge Holoway of Greenwood. We raised over \$300 from this fund raiser.

The **CHRISTMAS GOODIE BASKET** we sold tickets on was won by Fred Blackie of Port Bickerton. Over \$400 was raised from the sale of these tickets.

The **COMMUNITY CLUB** would like to thank the many people who purchased tickets during our fund raisers. Our New Years Dance saw over \$1300 raised. It was a very successful event and all support was very much appreciated. We will be doing a lot of fund raising in the new year, so if you have any good ideas please tell Ardith at 364-2967.

TICKETS: Tickets go on sale for \$50. of Lotto Tickets with a draw date of February 24th.

MOTHERS'DAY BASKET: Draw May 9th, 2009.

PRIZE BINGO: Prize Bingo will be held in June. Anyone wishing to donate prizes can drop them off at Velma Kaiser's.

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There will be updates, when available on the new community centre. The next centre meeting is scheduled for January 29th at 6:30 p.m. **HAPPY NEW YEAR.**

ECUM SECUM FIRE HALL

FEBRUARY 14TH:

Roast Beef Supper at the Ecum Secum Fire Hall from 4-6pm. Adults \$8.00, Children 5-12, \$4.00, under 5, FREE. All welcome!



March 21st:

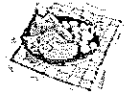
Easter Penny Auction at the Hall. Lunch and Chocolate Walk. Event begins at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome!

IHL/JORDANVILLE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Next Hall Meeting will be held on Monday, February 9th at 7:00 p.m. This will be the Annual Meeting and election of new officers. Everyone Welcome!

POT LUCK SUPPER

Sunday, February 15th from 4-6pm
Admission: Adults \$8.00, Children under 12 years of age \$5.00.



EMERGENCY CENTER MEETING, Monday, February 16th at 7pm. This meeting is for anyone in Port Hilford, IHL, Jordanville who would like information on the Hall's use in the event of an emergency. We will be going over an emergency plan.

MARIE JOSEPH COMMUNITY CENTRE

DROP INS: Every Tuesday, 5:30-7:30pm for School Ages Kids. Games and Crafts.

KIDS FIRST DROP INS: Every Wednesday for ages 0-6 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Snacks provided.



KIDS FLOOR HOCKEY: Thursday evenings from 5:30-7:30p.m. This is for school age children.

There is no cost for these three (3) activities. Any questions call Diane 347-2324 or Lori-Ann 347-2112.

FEBRUARY 1ST Valentine Penny Auction & Walk 7pm



FEBRUARY 7TH "TEEN DANCE" from 8-11pm with Music by "Jukebox Junkies" Cost \$5.00 Canteen services available

FEBRUARY 8TH Ladies Night Out Bingo 7pm. Cards are 3/\$5. + a toonie for the Jackpot. Please bring 2 wrapped gifts valued at \$5.00 each. Lunch provided.

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**MARIE JOSEPH
COMMUNITY CENTRE** *CONT'D.....*

FEBRUARY 14TH - ADULT VALENTINE DANCE with Music by "Jukebox Junkies" Dancing from 9pm-1am. \$7.00 per person. (Must be 19 years and over).

FEBRUARY 16TH: Hall meeting at 7pm. Everyone welcome.

FUN DARTS: Will be starting in March.

MARCH 2ND: Penny Auction at 7pm with proceeds to go to the Grade 7 class trip.

MARCH 28TH: Dance and Karaoke with Gordie Duggan.

**ST. MARY'S PASTORAL
CHARGE - UNITED
CHURCH OF CANADA**



Sunday Worship in February:

9:30 a.m.	Kirk Mem. Aspen
11 a.m.	Bethany East River St. Mary's
7:00 p.m.	St. Johns Sherbrooke

JAM Club (Sunday School for all ages) and **JAM** Sessions (Bible Study) every second Sunday, 2pm and **YOUTH GROUP** every second Monday, 7pm at Kirk. All are welcome! For more information please call 833-2920 or visit www.stmaryspastoralcharge.blogspot.com



Valentine Pot-Luck

There will be a Valentine Pot-Luck at Bayview Baptist Church, Liscomb, on Saturday, February 14th at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome and are asked to bring a dish to pass. There will be games, skits, singing and fun. For more information contact Pastor Dave Smith at 779-2709.

**GRANTS TO ORGANIZATIONS
2009-2010**

Any requests for funding from organizations for the 2009/10 fiscal budget must be made by application (available at the Municipal Office) and submitted no later than **MARCH 31, 2009 at 4:00 p.m.**

ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS!

For application information please contact the Municipal Office at 522-2049.

**Sherbrooke & Area Volunteer Fire
Department Annual Report 2008**

The fire department responded to 15 calls in 2008. Three calls for motor vehicle accidents, four calls for fire alarms, one medical assist and seven fire calls. The most serious fire was at the Smokehouse on November 4th. I would like to thank the fire dept. members from Liscomb, East River and Country Harbour who responded so quickly to our call for assistance. The local fire fighters association has been very helpful in organizing joint exercises, training and working toward a mutual aid agreement. The response on November 4th proved the value of the association.

Other fire dept. activities include: supply water to the rink and provide traffic control for the July 1st and Christmas parades.

The Fire Department suffered the loss of one of our members when Bill Vasil passed away on March 19th. Bill will be missed by all and our condolences to to Bill's family and friends.

In the next few months we plan to be approved as medical first responders so we can provide this service in case of a medical emergency.

Some our long-term goals are: *Continue training to improve our skills and have members certified as level one fire fighters; to reach level one, member require 20 days of training; upgrading some of our equipment, including a pumper truck, breathing apparatus, turnout gear and radios. Also the installation of a number of dry hydrants in the area as a year round water source for our pumper trucks.*

I would like to thank all our volunteers who assisted the fire department during the past year.

Dave Sweet, Fire Chief

Marie Joseph
Community Centre
Kids Valentine Crafts
Ages 0-10, Feb. 7th from 2-3:30pm
Craft will be a card for Mom & Dad

Card of Thanks

The Family of the Late Gordon A. Langille would like to thank all the wonderful people for their condolences, cards, visits, food, flowers, donations and emails on the loss of a husband, father, grandfather. Special thanks to those who provided the music, and to the Funeral Home for their compassionate care. Also to his granddaughters who did readings and wrote poetry in honor of their grandfather. To the pallbearers, special friends, the doctors and nurses at St. Mary's Memorial Hospital Palliative Care Team and to the Community Centre for the reception following the funeral. Finally, an endless "THANK YOU" to family and friends for their love and support.

Our Deepest Appreciation

Geneva, sons Gordon, Francis, Arthur, Stephen, daughter Lori-Anne and their families

Queen's Lodge #34

(Activities in 2008)

- \$200 Donation to Highcrest Nursing Home in Sherbrooke to offset the cost of transporting residents to community events.
- \$600 Scholarship awarded to a student at St. Mary's Academy for post secondary education
- \$200 Donation to East Antigonish Education Centre to help purchase hearing aids for a student
- \$2000 Donation to St. Mary's Education Centre for the Breakfast Program

Freemasonry is Simple

Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth@

Follow these steps to become a member:

Talk with someone you know who is a member of the Fraternity.

If you do not know anyone who is Mason, just contact a lodge in your neighbourhood.

If you have any questions please contact Michael Hatt at 1-902-631-2623.

CLEAN NOVA SCOTIA

Individual Action can make a difference; We believe this Passionately. When you start with what you do at home.....Save Energy; reduce waste; use less toxic products; conserve fuel; recycle; use less water.....you then begin to expect to see changes at work, in the companies you deal with; the stores you shop at, and from your government. **IT CAN BE DONE!**

For a FREE ENVIRONMENTAL HOME ASSESSMENT please contact Clean Nova Scotia at 1-800-665-5377 or Gordon Anderson at 928-2822.

Highcrest Sherbrooke!

Residents celebrating Birthdays this month are:

Gerald Penny February 2nd, 2009

Happy Birthday Gerald!

We will be holding our monthly party on Feb. 13th when we will celebrate Gerald's Birthday as well as Valentine's Day when we will crown our Valentines Day King and Queen! Everyone is welcome to attend: party starts at 1:30 p.m.

On December 22nd we had Megan Smith draw the winning ticket for the Christmas Angel that we were selling tickets on. The winner was Mary-Janet MacDonald, a resident here at Highcrest. Congratulations Mary-Janet. Thank you to everyone who bought tickets. The money was put towards purchasing two lovely new chairs for our residents lounge. Thanks to all who supported the Nursing Home!



Mixed dart league

The Ecum Secum Volunteer Fire Department Mixed Dart League will be holding a PENNY AUCTION and WALK on February 21st at 7:00 p.m. at the Fire hall. All proceeds go to the dart league.

PLEASE NOTE: The Annual Bob MacKinnon Dart Tournament which is advertised on the cover page of this newsletter for **February 21st** has been changed to **February 28th**. Thank you!



The greatest thing you ever learn is just to love and be loved in return.

~Nat King Cole

Sherbrooke Library

CHATLINE



World Record Attempt:

In celebration of Family Literacy Day 2009, the Sherbrooke Library is participating in the national attempt to break the Guinness World Record for the "Most Children Reading With An Adult, Multiple Locations". Please visit the library with your children on Saturday, January 24 at 11am when our special guest, Cst. Todd St. Louis, will be reading five Robert Munsch books. There will be a draw for a *Guinness World Records 2009* book, and a *Clifford Phonics* CD rom.

Read-To-Me Jamboree for babies:

Parents and caregivers with babies are invited to the Library on Wednesday, January 28th, 10-11am for a program of stories, rhymes and songs. This year's door prize is a bag full of books.

Pre-School Storytime:

The winter/spring storytime session (ages 3-5 years), began on Thursday, January 22nd. If you are interested in registering your child for this session, please contact the Library at 522-2180.

Share-A-Book Campaign:

We would like to thank everyone who contributed to the annual Share-A-Book fund raising campaign. The campaign raised \$4,849 from the community. This plus the EnCana initial donation of \$4,000 and the matching of community funds resulted in a total of \$13,698 raised this year.

Sherbrooke Branch Library & CAP Site

Monday	2-5 and 6-8 p.m.
Tuesday	2-5 and 6-8 p.m.
Wednesday	2-5 and 6-8 p.m.
Thursday	2-5 p.m.
Friday	10:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Saturday	11:00 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Telephone: 522-2180
www.ecrl.library.ns.ca

St. Mary's District Food Bank



The Food Bank is an independent, volunteer-run, non-profit organization providing assistance to families and individuals in the Municipality. If you are in need of assistance, or would like to make a donation, either monetary or of non-perishable food items, please call 328-4148 and leave a message. The phone number is exclusive to the Food Bank and all calls are confidential.

2nd Annual

Cody Rossong Memorial Dance

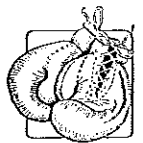


The 2nd Annual Cody Rossong Memorial Dance will be held on February 7th, 2009 at the Lions Hall in Sherbrooke. The cost is \$10.00 per person. Gov't ID's may be requested. Music will be provided by "FUZZPETALS", a band playing today's most popular music.

All proceeds from the door go to St. Mary's Education Centre Breakfast Program as well as the Cody Rossong Memorial Scholarship Fund at St. Mary's Academy. Please come out and support this worthwhile cause.

St. Mary's BOXING Club

The St. Mary's Boxing Club will resume on February 9th, 2009. The hours will be Monday and Wednesday 6:30-8:30pm at the St. Mary's Academy Gym. From February 9th-February 18th we will be holding an OPEN HOUSE for everyone to come and check it out. There's no cost, it's FREE! Boxing is a great overall body workout that everyone of all ages can participate in because you work at your own pace. Hope to see some familiar and new faces around the gym.

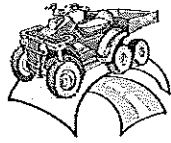


Heritage Day Open House

Monday, February 16th, 2-4 p.m.

Sherbrooke Village Restoration together with Sherbrooke Library are hosting an OPEN HOUSE at the Library, to celebrate the rich heritage of the Municipality. There will be displays, a brief presentation at 2:30 p.m. and refreshments. Everyone welcome!

ATV POKER RALLY



The Royal Canadian Legion Branch #86 Liscomb and St. Mary's Lions Club will be holding their Fourth Annual Poker Rally on Saturday, February 21st. The route is approximately 65 kms. ATV's, snowmobiles and regular highway vehicles are all welcomed. Registration at the Legion Hall on MacKinley Point Road in Spanish Ship Bay (Hwy #7) from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. \$10.00 per hand, cash prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.

Hot meal available from 2pm to 6pm at the Legion for \$5.00. For more information call Henry Tibbo at 779-2598 or Donnie Fraser at 522-2757.

LISCOMB SUPPER



St. Luke's Anglican Church Annual Pancake Supper; *Pancakes, beans, sausages and dessert to be held on February 24th from 4-6 p.m. at the Parish Hall in Liscomb. Adults \$7.00; Children \$5.00.*

St. Mary's River/Sonora Community Center

February 2nd, 2009 will be our ANNUAL MEETING at 7pm. New officers will be appointed. Please make an effort to come out as we are in need of new people to take over for the coming year. See you there!

St. Mary's Municipal Council

The next regular monthly meeting of St. Mary's Municipal Council will be held on Monday, February 9th, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Sherbrooke, NS.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND.

GOSHEN FITNESS CENTRE

The Healthy Living Tax Incentive has been expanded to include adults. The purpose of this is to encourage adults as well as children to participate in a healthier lifestyle through fitness. Goshen Fitness Centre is registered for this Health Living Tax Incentive which will provide participants with a receipt for membership dues

that can be used as a tax credit (not a rebate) when filing their 2009 income tax return.

Rates for the Fitness Centre: \$20.00 per month or \$2.00 per visit. For further information contact Vickey at 783-2372 or Elizabeth at 783-2369.

End-of-Life Electronics Recycling Program

There are 33 approved ACES Drop-Off sites in Nova Scotia. Those from the municipality of St. Mary's can make arrangements with their waste collector or self deliver to the St. Mary's Transfer Station, 150 Cape Gegoggan Rd, Hwy #7. The items must be kept separate from all other garbage and blue bag recycling. Other drop off locations can be found at www.AceStewardship.ca or by calling 1-877-774-3260.

Examples of End of Life Electronics are as follows:

All Cathode Ray Tube and all flat panel displays such as LCD and plasma, portable computers, laptops and PC's (including mice, keyboards and cables); printing devices (laser and LED, ink jet, dot matrix, thermal, dye or any devices that copy, scan, fax or print. Portable devices such as speakers, stereos, tape players, mp3 players, DVD players, radios, video cameras, camcorders, digital cameras, telephones, answering machines, car stereos and speakers, amps, data projectors, satellite cable equipment, cell phones, pagers, aircards, batteries, chargers and accessories. Should you have any questions regarding End of Life Electronics or for more information please contact:

St. Mary's Municipal Office	522-2049
St. Mary's Transfer Station	522-2659
Eastern Regional Solid Waste Man.	1-888-377-9622

FEBRUARY LUNCHEONS

*Every Thursday
February 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th
11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
\$6.00 per person*

*St. Paul's Catholic Church, Sherbrooke
Take-outs available!*

Proceeds will go towards our fund for the children in Fr. George's Parish in India, who wouldn't have the opportunity to attend school without some assistance, like we help to provide. We thank you for the tremendous support you've given us in the past and look forward to seeing you all again in the new year.

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