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Raymond & Bridget Robertson



Raymond Joseph was born on Oct 2nd, 1925 in Cannes the last child of Fred and Katie Ann Robertson. After attending school in Cannes, Raymond joined the army in 1942 at the age of seventeen. Following basic training in B.C. he was promptly shipped overseas, first to England followed by Holland, Belgium and Germany. While in Hohenwald, Germany (means High Forest) a tank passed him on a bridge and only later in the day did he learn that it was his friend Arthur Beranger from RB. Two weeks before the war ended Raymond was wounded in the arm in Germany and was relocated to Belgium to recuperate. He returned to Canada (Kingston, Ontario) on the *Ille De France* and left the army as quickly as he had joined.

Meanwhile on April 5th, 1927 in Kingston, Bridget Margaret Clark was born. Bridget was the third of eight children who lived in a big old house that also included her grandparents. Bridget attended St. John's School, St. Vincent Academy and Notre Dame Convent (a boarding school operated by the nuns). She then went on to Rockwood Ontario Hospital where she studied to be a nurse's aid and was employed there for many years. She also worked at several stores around town. In April 1949 at a friend's house, Bridget met Raymond and six months later on Oct 1st at Saint Mary's Cathedral in Kingston they wed. They adopted three children: Nine-month-

old Peter who now resides in Slovakia, one-year-old Cathy who now lives in Halifax and ten-day-old Michael who is in Toronto. They have one grandchild, ten-year-old Matthew.

Raymond found himself at the infamous Kingston Penitentiary where most notorious murderers are held. He worked there as a security guard and there were many times when his life was in danger. In the meantime, Bridget became a homemaker and took care of the children while sewing, knitting and painting in her spare time. Two years later, Raymond left the prisoners behind and took his chances with the dogs as he went to work as a postman. For the next twenty years he would take the bus to the start of his route only to find as many as ten dogs waiting for him and they would accompany him on his daily routine. In 1974, Raymond hung up his mailbag for the last time, left the dogs behind and moved to the old homestead in RB. Raymond was not quite ready to retire so he went to work for a couple of years for Pinkerton Guards at the oil refinery in Port Hawkesbury.

In 2002, Raymond was awarded the Dutch Medal for his service in Holland during the war. These medals were issued on the fiftieth anniversary of the liberation of Holland to all the Canadian soldiers who made this happen. Also in 2002, Raymond found his long lost friend Clyde Shepherd, who was originally from Truro and had served with him in England in 1942. Although Raymond searched unsuccessfully for many years he never forgot his friend. Thanks to research done by Ethel Bona and her cousin Annabel, Clyde, who now resides in Quispamsis, NB and Raymond now reminisce (after 60 yrs) by phone about the good old days. Bridget continues her hobbies of portrait painting and has many displayed in their home. She is particularly proud of her portrait of the late Tara Lynne Touesnard. Raymond himself is also quite artistic. He draws on wood, cuts the photo out and paints them. These days they can be seen sitting on their sun porch enjoying the view

or reading a book. They enjoy their life to the fullest and we wish you, Raymond and Bridget many more years of health and happiness.

Sharon Chilvers

CWL 50th Anniversary



Charter members (l-r) Therese Digout, Rita Landry, Mary Touesnard, May McPhee, Jane Landry, Evelyn Burke and in front Gladys Touesnard.

St. John the Baptist C.W.L. council was formed December 6, 1953. The first president was Mrs. Lillian Boyd (mother of Maynard & aunt of Mimi & Gerry Fougere); the first secretary was our own Evelyn Burke.

On Sunday June 15th we celebrated 50 years of service for God and Canada. Celebrations began at 4 pm with a Mass of Thanksgiving said by Rev. Duncan Mac Isaac, con-celebrated by former pastors Rev. Tom Morley, Rev. Hughie D. MacDonald and Rev. J. J. MacDonald. Over 80 members and special guests attended. Council members performed the liturgical ministries.

Our eight charter members May McPhee, Rita Landry, Gladys Touesnard, Jane Landry, Therese Digout, Evelyn Burke, Mary Touesnard and Margaret Bouchard (who was unable to attend) were honored with corsages and special 50-year pins presented after the homily by N.S. Provincial President Cecile Miller of Margaree.

A stained glass window crafted by Arthur Doary in memory of this anniversary and of deceased members was blessed by Fr. Duncan.

Following Mass everyone scurried to the Tara Lynne Center where Peter & Emily LeBlanc et al served a delicious peachy-chicken banquet. Rita Landry cut the special anniversary cake.

Several special presentations took place. Cecile Miller presented surprised council president, Ann Clow with the *Maple Leaf Service Pin* for her outstanding service to the League, her church and community. The seven jubilarians received special certificates from National for their 50 years of service to the League. *Certificates of Merit* in recognition and appreciation for their commitment to teaching catechism and children's liturgy were presented by Antigonish Diocesan President Joan Bona of Louisdale to: Debbie Landry, Pamela Sampson,

Kara-Leigh Burke, Laurie Zinck, Theresa Burke, Rose Merrick, Valerie Cunningham, Annette Sampson, Mary Digout, Donna Martin, Linda Burke and Maria DeWolfe. Two council members, Monica Stone and Sharon Chilvers were also honored with certificates for the good things they do for church and community. Therese Pottie introduced our guest speaker, Cecile Miller. In developing the League theme *Cast out into the deep* she congratulated the council for and urged all to continue to spread the good news by our example and good works. Cecile was thanked by council secretary Sharon Chilvers, who presented her with a gift. A gift was also presented to Joan Bona who brought greetings on behalf of Diocesan Council.

Deirdre Boyd expressed heartfelt thanks to the committee members who worked with her planning and preparing the celebration activities. A collage of the faces of all 87 members was shown and it will be displayed in the church.

The evening concluded with two very humorous skits; the first starring Elaine Burke (as God) and Ann Clow (as a sinner); and the other skit included Mimi Fougere (a frustrated hockey fan trying to adjust stations on a radio) behind the scene Rev. Duncan, Monica McPhee, Kara-Leigh Burke, Arthur Doary and Margaret Morrison.

The generosity of many made this wonderful celebration a big success. Our special thanks to RBCSS, the C@P Site, Lynn's Flowers, The Greenhouse, Arthur Doary, Jeanette Landry, Charles Clow, Joanne Boyd, East Coast Credit Union, Branch 47 Ladies Aux. Royal Canadian Legion, and River Bourgeois 50+ Club. God bless you all.

Deirdre Boyd

25th Annual festival

To celebrate our 25th Year the Annual River Bourgeois Festival will be a week full of events, including an Antique Car Show, the Official Opening of the Lighthouse, pageants, dances, children's day, Heritage Walk, breakfast, potluck supper etc.

A few changes have been made since our tentative schedule of events was released. On Sat August 23rd there will be a Pub Night at the Tara Lynne Community Center from 9pm to 1am, with music by Cyril MacPhee. The overnight camping planned for Wednesday August 27 has been changed to Children's Day.

Throughout the festival volunteers will be needed to aid with parking, cooking, selling tickets and working at the door at several events.

This festival belongs to the community so we hope to see everyone come out in support of it. We need everyone to take part even for a few hours. Money

raised will help support the Tara Lynne Community Center, the tennis courts, the funeral home, ball field, playground etc.

Tickets are on sale at Bucky's store and the C@P site on an ATV. The Kawasaki KVF360 comes with winch, luxury back seat and foot pegs. For tickets call Ed at 535-2515 or Carl at 535-2035. Tickets are \$10.00 each and money raised will go towards the festival fund. The draw takes place on Aug. 31st.

For more information on how you can help out call Dana at 535-3251. Please join us for our next festival meeting on July 9th at 7:00 pm at the TL Center.

Dana MacPhail

Lighthouse Update



Photo courtesy of Raymond Doary.

On a very foggy June 19th at approx. noon the Coast Guard came by helicopter to remove the lighthouse tower. It presently sits in Fred LeBlanc's field from which it will be taken by boat to its new home. With its removal the reconstruction can now begin and the platform has been built. Thanks to all who donated pictures for our album.

Graduations



Betty & Melissa Parks

Annette Touesnard

Parks, Betty and her daughter **Melissa** graduated from the NS Community College, each receiving a diploma in Gourmet Cooking. Betty was the recipient of an award for Leadership and Melissa won the award for the most dedicated student as well as the JR Mahoney industry award. They are both employed at the Castle Moffett in Baddeck.

Touesnard, Annette graduated from the NS Agricultural College with high honors in the Animal Science Program. She is presently employed at a farm outside of Truro.

2003 High School Graduates



top -TJ Burke; Katie Touesnard;bottom- l-Heidi Stone, Krista Dorey.Missing are Mark Digout, Michelle Sampson, Nicholas Fougere & Steven Filion. We Hope to have them next month.

Burke, Tyler Jason (Theresa & Larry) T.J. will be going to Dalhousie for a BSC majoring in Physics. TJ was named recipient of the Governor's General medal. He also received the following awards and bursaries: the \$8000 Chancellor's Scholarship Award, which is renewable for 4 yrs, the Canadian Cadet Scholarship, the Cadet Parental Committee bursary, NSP scholarship; 2003 Thompson Foundation National Scholarship. Richmond Academy highest average; R.A. Student Council; Burke Bros.Trucking; Dr. Kipp Bursary; Babbin Service Center, Municipality of Rich Co; and the St. Peter's District Fire Dept. Congratulations TJ, you made it big time. **Digout, Mark** (Mary & Louis) will be attending St. FX to study Computer Science. Mark received awards from St. John the Baptist CWL, the Parish Council and Boudreau Fuels. **Dorey, Krista** (Debbie & Barry) Krista plans on attending NS Community College, Marconi Campus in Sydney to study Human Services and Addiction Counselling. **Filion, Steven** (Rocky and the late Myra) Steven will be attending UCCB in Sydney in the Science Technology and Engineering Bridge program. **Fougere, Nicholas** (Elaine & Roy) Nicholas is attending MSVU to study Peace and Conflict Studies and plans to join the Armed Forces. Nicholas received the Canadian Cadet scholarship and the Cadet Parental Scholarship. **Sampson, Michelle** (Glenda & David). Michelle will be attending Acadia University for a BSC in Dentistry. Michelle received awards from the RBCSS; East Coast Credit Union; Isle Madame Dental Clinic and the Dr. Joseph Digout Bursary. **Stone, Heidi** (Sharon & Ricky) Heidi will be attending St. Mary's University for a BA followed by a BEd. Heidi received an Entrance scholarship, awards from RBCSS; 4H; East Coast Credit Union and the Myra Filion Bursary. **Touesnard, Katie** (Albert & Janice) Katie is tentatively planning to attend Holland

College in PEI to study Sports & Leisure. Katie was a recipient of a Tara Lynne Touesnard Bursary.

Congratulations to all the grads. Many of them have volunteered at the C@P site over the past years and we wish them great success in their chosen field. Special thanks to Michelle Sampson who acted as our youth editor and served on the cap committee.

Junior High Graduates



Sarah Landry, Shawn Boucher & Angela Landry

Shawn Boucher (Tammy) received awards in Physical Education, Math, Social Studies, French, Science and PDR. Kyle Burke (Joan & Kelly) received a trophy for most effort in Grade 8A and awards in craftsmanship in industrial Technology, Physical Education, Excellent effort in Social studies and PDR, Achievement in Language Arts, Core French and Music, **Jared Brewer** (Pam), **Angela Landry** (Janet & Lawrence) who finished first in Family Studies, **Sarah Landry** (Debbie & Michael) **Daniel Stone** (Joey & Joan) who received an award for effort & cooperation in Language Arts, and Craftsmanship in Industrial Technology and **Nicholas Touesnard** son of Glen & Sonya. Good luck to all at Richmond Academy next year.

Births

Sampson: David Lee was born June 27th to Benedict & Kerry of Garry, N.B. Brother to Rosie & Gregory. 18th grandchild for Joe & Ann Sampson.

Weddings

Murphy/Touesnard: Congratulations to Annette Jean, daughter of Florence and Edward Touesnard, and Dawson Murphy son of the late Patricia and Malcolm Murphy of Lake-O-Law who were married on June 14th. Annette & Dawson will be living in Truro.

Bits & Bites

- If any of our readers has a picture of the late **Isaac Burke** who lived in Southside RB from

1861-1919 please contact Gilbert Bourque at 535-2518.

- Congratulations to the following students who received awards at the Richmond Academy Extra Curricular Awards ceremony: Most sportsmanlike player **Steven Filion** (hockey) and **Joel Burke** (track & field); Most improved athlete; **Mark Digout** (Soccer) and **Alisha Burke** (girls soccer)
- **Festival meeting** at Tara Lynne Center on July 9th at 7pm. Please show your support and attend.
- **RBCSS meeting** on July 16th at 7pm. Last one before the festival.
- **45 games** Sundays at 7:30 at Seniors Bldg.
- **Cribbage** games Mondays-7pm at Senior's
- **Mini Bingo** at Senior's July 9th.
- **Bingo** every Friday night @ TL Center
- **Congratulations** to Patsy & Gilbert Bourque who celebrated their 25th anniversary this month.
- **Birthday greetings** to Maurice Landry, Therese Pottie, Arthur Bouchard, Gladys Morrison, Margaret Bourque, Alice Sampson and Emily Fougere.
- Congratulations also to **Louis Digout** (Mary & Louis) on his acceptance into Dalhousie Medical School. He begins his studies in September. Louis won the Sexton Award in 2003 for a grade point average of greater than 3.85 and \$1500 for highest average in the Computer Science program.
- **A reminder** that if you wish to book the Tara Lynne Center, call Bob Park at 535-3274. If you are having a function which requires a liquor license, you now have to apply for it yourself. If you need help ask Bob or call Eddie Pottie at - 535-2515. People requiring use of the Funeral Home should call Leona & Gerald Campbell at 535-2927.
- **The CAP Site hours for the summer** -Open on Mon. & Tues from 8:30am-8pm and 8:30am-5:pm Mon to Fri. Don't forget to visit our site for used books. We are closed on the weekends but appointments can be made by calling Sherry (3182) or Sharon (3516).
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