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Gerry & Mary Fougere



Gerald Walter was born on March 26th, 1944 the youngest of four children to Cecilia (Boyd) & Walter Fougere of the Southside. Gerry was born with a club foot (missed by Dr. Digout) but diagnosed by Gertie Boudreau who was visiting the Fougere family. Gerry spent the next five years and more than twenty-five trips traveling to Halifax to correct the foot. He and his mom would board the train at Sporting Mountain Road and would cross on the ferry (there was no Canso Causeway). He attended Cannes School until age ten and has fond memories of the school. He remembers having to share the outhouse with all students and when he sort of missed the designated hole (there was no toilet seat to lift) he was ratted on by Hubert Fougere. He received his first strap from Marion Maltby, the school teacher. He claims he is still traumatized from the heavy blow. In 1954 he moved to Stella Maris School where he continued his antics. While throwing snowballs, he managed to hit Marguerite Sampson in the face breaking her glasses. Dad bailed him out by purchasing her a new pair. Gerry managed to graduate from St. Peters High without any other major incidents and in 1964 moved to Halifax to seek

employment. His first job was at the Halifax Pathology Institute based on a recommendation (the fact he was from RB and no other reason) from George Digout. He worked there for the next five years and stayed on the job because there were only two guys and thirty women. In spite of those odds in his favour, Gerry returned to RB in 1969 still a single man and went looking for a better paying job. He found it at the Pulp Mill in 1970 and stayed there until 1999, working in the lab doing quality control and operations, followed by shift supervisor. In 1986 while visiting his brother Eddie, he met his true love Mary Richards.

Mary Geraldine was born May 2nd, 1947 the 2nd child of six to Teresa & Russell White of Scotchtown. She attended Scotchtown Memorial, New Victoria High and graduated from Central High in New Waterford. In 1965 Mary enrolled at the Nova Scotia Institute of Technology in Halifax and graduated in laboratory technology. One of her fellow students was Janine Touesnard of RB. After graduation she worked at New Waterford Hospital and it was there she met her first love, RCMP officer, John Richards of Kelligrews, Newfoundland. They had a long distance relationship as he was soon transferred to Cheticamp. After two years of dating they were married on August 16th, 1969. They had two daughters; Lisa & Jennifer. For the next years John was transferred several times so they lived in Port Hawkesbury, Dartmouth as well as St. Georges, St. Anthony and Stephenville in Newfoundland. Their last posting was in Ottawa and it was there that John began to have problems with his heart. Thirteen days following a heart transplant in 1986, sadly John passed away at age thirty-eight. Mary chose to remain in Ottawa to allow the girls to finish high school as they were only thirteen and fourteen at the time.

In 1988 she was invited to attend a Rita MacNeil concert with friends that included Eddie and Joan Fougere whom she had met through a mutual friend. It was a coincidence that Gerry (brother of Eddie)

happened to be in Ottawa to attend the concert. Mary's life would be forever changed. The day following the concert Gerry invited her to attend a Halloween dance. This was the start of another long distance romance that lasted five years. He kept several companies in business during that time; the flower shops by sending her flowers for every possible occasion (he still buys her flowers), the telephone company, the post office and the airlines. After three years Gerry proposed and began making plans for a wedding in two years. His friends could not believe that Gerry was finally tying the knot at age forty-nine especially since most of them had not yet met Mary. They soon found out she was not a figment of his imagination. Gerry purchased a lot of land from his aunt, Valerie Boyd. The price was expensive but fair at a cost of \$1.00. The home was ready following their wedding at St. John the Baptist Church on August 28th, 1993.

Mary loves RB and did not take long to become part of the community. Very active in the CWL and the liturgy committee she dedicates many hours to these causes. Daughter Lisa, a lawyer is married to Denis Parent and they have two beautiful children Amelie & Mairi. Jennifer, who lived with Gerry & Mary for three years, attended NSCC in Port Hawkesbury and is currently employed with Best Western in Chocolate Lake. She is planning her own wedding for this October to Lawson Landry (Harold & Georgie) of the Church Point. Gerry has taken to fatherhood and being a grandpa like ducks take to water. Gerry & Mary's dog Tess is their only child together and is now eight years old. Gerry keeps busy traveling to Tim Horton's and the Cozy Corner having coffee. He has worked in Palliative Care since 2001 and is always ready to help serve at Mass. His love of photography has made him a universal name in the area. He recently bought a digital camera but forgot he didn't own a computer. (It is 2008 Gerry) however he is experimenting with his new found toy. Mary & Gerry enjoy traveling and their Irish music. They recently became members of the Seniors 50+club. Mary & Gerry, the people of River Bourgeois wish you both many more years of health and happiness. *Sharon Chilvers*

RBCSS Annual Meeting

On March 26th the River Bourgeois Community Service Society held their annual meeting. The 2008 Board of Directors is as follows: *Chairperson*-Eddie Pottie, *Vice Chairperson*-Gilbert Boucher, *Secretary*-Tanya Stone, *Treasurer*-Ann MacNeil-Landry, *Past President*-Sharon Chilvers, Laurie Landry, Irene MacInnis, Mike Fougere, Francine Boudreau, Rose Merrick, Wayne Bona, Susan Boudreau, Donna

Landry, Linda Burke, Cletus Wedge, Eddie Landry and Monica Stone.

Monique McPhee and Wayne Bona were honoured as "Life Members" of the Society for their more than twenty years service on the Board. Monique served as Treasurer for twenty-two years and Wayne has served as Vice Chairman & Chairperson.

Chairperson's Report: The year 2007 saw some great strides on the Economic Development "Field of Dreams" with the launching of our new docks. Dock fees will cover the expense for this year and plans are underway for expansion as we already have more boats than dock space. Property Services replaced most of the windows at the TLC, installed new locks and stained the deck. Another successful Festival netted more than \$15,000s. The Youth Development laid low the past year but have major plans for this year. The Bingo Committee continues to put great efforts forward despite the decline in province wide attendance as a result of VLT's and the loss of older members not being replaced by younger people. As reported in the last Round Up, Technology & Training will be run independent of RBCSS. The Bar Committee continue to work at all events at which liquor is served. In closing I wish to extend my deepest appreciation to all of the 2007 Board of Directors who served the community so well. I wish all of the new Board of Directors well in their endeavours to continue to make RB a proud place to call home. *Sharon Chilvers*

Where are they now?



Hi, my name is CJ the first of seven children of James & Jean Richard of Church Point. During my early years we lived next to Willie Robertson's in a home which is now owned by Anita Boucher. Around 1955, Mom & Dad purchased Alex Sampson's house directly across from the Glebe House. Although their new home did not have indoor plumbing or central heating, it was an improvement from their previous home, being bigger. Money was tight in those days and I can remember Mom washing clothes in an old wringer washer and hanging them out to dry. They froze the minute they hit the clothesline. Dad was a school teacher and we didn't

go hungry. Our home was always filled with our friends including Kenneth and Gilbert Boucher, Peter & Gerald Robertson, Billy Burke, Irvin Burke and many others. I spent my younger years working in construction and highways before I realized my life was not going anywhere. After spending twenty-five years in RB, Dad moved the family to Dartmouth when he got a job with the Provincial Government. It was not a popular move with us but it was necessary. I worked as a carpenter and electrical apprentice for a while and in 1967 I was offered a job with the Dept. of Health. I stayed for twenty-seven years. At age fifty-three, in 1994, I was offered a retirement package and jumped at it.

In 1969 I married the beautiful blond Karen Cotton of St. Peter's. In 1972 I received a call from my uncle, Arthur Sampson asking me if I wanted to build a house in Lr. Sackville. I replied "Me build a house, I don't even own a hammer". Uncle Arthur wanted to form a co-op, a way to get a home based on your income and no down payment. After much persuasion we formed "The Untouchables Co-op" and with his help Karen and I built our home. We raised two wonderful children Dean & Kelli there. Tragedy struck our family on July 8th, 1996 when Dean was killed in a terrible car accident at age twenty-two. Kelli has given us two wonderful grandchildren; Kelsi age 12 and Kaleigh age seven. Karen & I will be married thirty-nine years on August 9th. In 1998 we bought a house in Iona and we have spent many happy days with our family and friends there.

Looking back I have such wonderful memories of the time I spent in RB especially of Jim's rink, watching Jim build boats, skating on the river, and the borrowing of Delore's cars at night. I don't know how we survived but we had lots of fun. *CJ Richard.*

March Break Fun



Donna Marie DeWolfe, Ricky Martens, Hailey Martens, Olivia Burke, Kerstin Landry, Meghan Merrick, Sydney Coughlin. We don't know the name of the young people on the right so help would be appreciated.

Over March break the Youth Development Committee held a fun day at the Tara Lynne Center. Over 70 children attended and a good time was enjoyed by all. Thanks to all the many volunteers who helped in making this a success.

Hospital Dinner



Top photo-Janice Touesnard, Madonna Broaders, Whitney Boudreau and the head has to belong to Gerry.-Lower photo Leona & Gerald Campbell. Thanks to Germaine Carter for the photos.

The Strait Regional Hospital administration salutes their volunteers with a dinner each year. On April 22nd there was a large number from RB present. Volunteers from this area serve on the board, work in palliative care, serve night lunches, work in the gift shop etc. If you are looking for some way to use your spare time consider volunteering in some capacity whether it be the hospital, Richmond Villa, Church, RBCSS, CAP site etc.

Be Careful



If anyone tells you to watch out for deer on the River Bourgeois roads-believe them. This is a picture taken by Bernard Burke in RB earlier this month .

Births

Aarts: Jazmine Dawn, 6lbs 14oz, was born April 22nd to Kim & Jeff of Elk Point, AB. Congratulations to the parents, grandparents Sally Baccardax and George J. Landry & Marguerite MacDonald and great grandmother Cecelia Baccardax.

Flinn: Jack Henry, 7lbs 9oz, was born March 31st to Caroline & Jason Flinn of Dartmouth. Congratulations to the parents, grandparents Faye & Roger Flinn, Port Williams and Helen & Harold Cooke, Rockingham and great grandmothers Cecelia Baccardax and Margaret Flinn.

Fougere/Kirby: Liam James, 7lbs 3oz, was born March 28th to Derek & Jill of Grand Gully. Congratulations to the parents and grandparents John & Debbie Fougere and Pat & Kathy Kirby of Mt. Pearl, NL and great grand mom Rachael Davidson.

Deaths

Bona: Fred C., 79, of L'Ardoise passed away on April 13th. Our condolences to his wife Sophie and children Donald, David, Billy, Stanley, Madeline, Hazel & Ann Landry of RB and their families.

Frost: George Daniel, 76, of Grand Anse passed away on Mar. 29th. Our condolences to his daughter Rose (Nolan) MacPhee and son Robert (Paula Simpson) of RB and their families.

Sampson: Peter D., 85, passed away on April 7th. Our condolences to his sister Dorothy, brother Leo, sister in-law Flo Sampson and their families.

Sampson: Daniel Yugh "D.Y.", 87, Sampsonville passed away on April 8th. Our condolences to his brother in law Simon Carter & his family

Bits & Bites:

- This year, the **Heritage Walk Booklet** will cover River Tillard, Grand Gully & Brickery areas. Anyone who may have pictures of old homes/properties & stories of the people in these areas is asked to contact Anne Louise Touesnard 535-3089 or Donnie Pottie 535-2740.
- **Congratulations** to Colette Sampson MacLean who is now the Physical Activity Director for Richmond County. (She is the daughter of Ann & Bucky). If you have any suggestions she can be reached at 226-0586 or at csampson-maclean@richmondcounty.ca
- **Cribbage** Seniors Bldg Mondays at 7pm.
- **45 Card Games** Sundays at 7pm in Seniors Bldg.
- **Seniors Merchandise Bingo** May 4th at 2pm.
- **CWL meeting** will be held on May 8th at 7 pm.
- The Annual **Estwood Davidson Memorial Bursary Fundraiser** will be held Saturday, May

10th from 7-10pm at the Lion's Hall. All proceeds to graduating students at Richmond Academy. Entertainers include: Howie MacDonald, Dave MacIsaac, Mac Moran, Troy MacGillvray, Donnie Campbell, & John Dan Stone. Advance tickets are \$15.00 ea or \$25 couple & are available from Verna Mann 535-2166, Debbie Fougere 535-2495, Sherry Baccardax 535-3182, Joan Burke 535-2557 or Jean Pottie 587-2249.

- **The North American Migratory Bird Count** is May 10th. Anyone in Richmond County with a feeder or willing to search an area, call organizer George Digout at 535-3516.
- **Seniors meeting** May 13th 1:30 pm.
- **CAP site meeting** Wed., May 14th at 7 pm.
- **Seniors Mini Bingo**, May 14th at 1:30 pm.
- **Pot Luck Supper** on Sun., May 18th. Supper from 4-6. Sponsored by RBCSS.
- **The RB Seniors Club** is holding the "Richmond County Seniors Expo" on May 24th and 25th and will include plenty of card games, darts, horseshoes, softball, golf, pitching, music, an information center, exercise walks. The \$20 fee per person will cover everything including prizes for each event and four meals. Tickets are available until May 15th from Anne Sampson 535-2803 or Sharon Chilvers at 535-2512.
- **Festival meeting** May 25th at 6:30 pm at the CAP site. Anyone willing to help or share ideas is welcome.
- **RBCSS meeting** at 7pm on May 28th at TLC. All meetings are open to public.
- **Correction:** In March we wrote that Kelsey Burke received the Lord Stretching Medal. It should have read Lord Strathcona Medal.
- **CAP site winter hours** are 2-4 & 6-8 Monday to Thursday and 2-4 on Friday. CAP phone # is 535-3251. FAX number is 535-3638. Email address is rbcap@stpeterscable.com. Visit our website at www.stpeterscable.com/~rbcap.
- **Anyone wishing to book the TLC** should call Mike Fougere at 535-3308. People requiring use of the Funeral Home; call Marie & Conrad Fougere at 535-2621. Call Georgie or Harold Landry at 535-2939 to open the church for any special functions i.e. weddings, baptisms etc.
- The Round Up is available at Bucky's Garage, RB Post Office or East Coast Credit Union. Subscriptions are available for \$20.00 delivered in RB, \$30.00 within Canada and \$40.00 internationally per year.

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