



# The River Round Up

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## Frederick & Linda Richard



Linda Eileen was born March 27<sup>th</sup>, 1949 the second of five children to Hilary & Rita (Pottie) LeBlanc of Cannes. She attended Stella Maris School until 1966 when she went to St. Peters High to take a newly offered two year secretarial course. While in high school Linda began dating a much younger Southside gentleman by the name of Frederick. Frederick Joseph was born March 9<sup>th</sup>, 1952 the third of six and the only son of William & Mildred (Bouchard) Richard. Frederick also attended Stella Maris School and soon discovered academics were not his niche and in 1968 left for Halifax at age sixteen to seek employment and follow his sweetheart Linda.

On July 12<sup>th</sup>, 1969 Linda & Frederick were wed at Saint Mary's Bascilla in Halifax. On the same day Linda's best friend Louise Richard was being married to Norman LeBlanc here at St. John the Baptist. The coincidence was they exchanged names at the same time. Both couples will celebrate 40 years of marriage this July. Linda & Frederick have two children: Luanne who lives in Eastern Passage with her hubby Bernard Tovey and two sons, Zackary & Joseph and Freddy who has recently moved back with his parents to attend NSCC in Port Hawkesbury studying to be a chef.

In 1968 Frederick went to work at Inter Supply Cement where he remained for fifteen years until one day he showed up and the doors were locked - the company had gone belly up. Down but not dejected he went to work at Casey Metro Cement for the next twenty years. Meanwhile Linda along with her friend Linda Dewolfe went to work at Nova Scotia Tractor. Linda soon moved to the Federal Government where she worked for six years then on to the Provincial Government for the next six years. Following the six year itch again she moved on to the Bank of Montreal where she remained for twelve years before they moved the data centre to Montréal. She then moved to the CIBC Bank and finally to Scotiabank where she remained until they moved back to RB. During her years with the bank she was an auditor, responsible for looking for forgeries and bogus companies. Although she was responsible for catching a few bad guys she was not responsible for the downfall of Conrad Black. Linda & Frederick moved back to RB to the Richard homestead in 2004. Due to illness Frederick is unable to work however Linda now works at Foodland in St. Peters.

Linda & Frederick's best friends all the years in Halifax were Raymond Burke (from the Southside) and his wife Shirley. Linda and Shirley took a week holiday every year from their hubby's to go to PEI where they enjoyed movies and mini golf. In 1987 Linda, mom Rita and sisters Eleanor, Debbie & Donna took a tour bus to the US visiting fourteen states. Linda loved the historical Washington, Mom loved the JFK grave site and all loved Nashville. All sisters are very close and spend each of their birthdays together. Linda attended St. Mary's University studying towards an Arts Degree. She also took courses in criminology and worked two years with young offenders. Linda loves her computer, music, movies and trivia while Frederick is the family artist. He loves to paint especially on rocks he finds along the shore. Linda's big dream is to go to ST. FX to get an X ring after she retires. Linda &

Frederick the people of River Bourgeois wish you many years of health & happiness. *Sharon Chilvers*

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### Democracy 250 Medal Recipient



*Maurice with veteran Charlie Digout at Richmond Villa*

Congratulations to Maurice Landry in receiving the Democracy 250 Medal. The medals were awarded by the Nova Scotia Government in celebration of 250 years of democracy in the province to those who do outstanding service in their communities. Maurice served in the navy from 1953-1958 in Korea and joined the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 47 in 1980 and is now serving his 12<sup>th</sup> year as President. He is on the cenotaph committee and is a regular volunteer in maintaining our cemetery.

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### Canada's 4-H Volunteer of the Year



A "Big Congratulations" to Peter LeBlanc in being named "Canada's 4-H Volunteer of the Year" by the Canadian 4H Council. Peter was named Nova Scotia's volunteer by the Provincial 4-H Council and then was selected from among the ten Provincial finalists as the National 4-H Volunteer of the Year. There are more than 8500 volunteers in 4-H. The award read "For outstanding personal contributions and dedication to the 4-H program in Canada". The accompanying letter indicated that Peter would be receiving \$1100 cash, 4H merchandise and an invitation to attend the 4H annual meeting in PEI.

Peter was also thanked for his "exemplary dedication and his tireless commitment to the long term viability of the 4-H program". The Regional Press describes Peter as "always open, friendly, fair and caring and he has continued to support 4-H long after his own children have finished the program and does everything with a huge smile". The organization pointed out that catering is one of the main functions of fundraising and without the LeBlanc family (wife Emily) contributions it would not be possible. Peter spends a week of his vacation every year to organize, cook and sell the food at the Provincial Show. He has been a 4-H volunteer for twenty-nine years and served as Treasurer for many of those years. It's a well-deserved award and congratulations Peter, from all of your family, the people of River Bourgeois and all your 4-H peers.

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### I can do it! I can!



Julia MacPhee (daughter of Nolan & Rose) on her first day on ice-skates, enjoys the day with grandma Lorraine & grandpa Norman. Julia, who will be three next month, insisted that she could skate by herself. After a few falls, she was well on her way. See you in the 2026 Olympics, Julia.

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### Melanie Poaps sits in the pilot's seat of the Silver Dart.



The Silver Dart squadron from St.Peter's was invited to partake in the festivities on Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> of February in Baddeck as part of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its original flight. Due to the numbers of squadrons attending and the scheduling of events, time did not permit the squadron as a group to view the replica. Therefore as Melanie's family had also gone to partake in the celebrations, Melanie decided to return home with her parents instead. This allowed Melanie time to go view the replica of the Silver Dart. She promised her squadron group that she would take pictures to show them next week at their meet. "When we arrived at the replica, we made mention of this to the committee, (mentioning the name 824 Silver Dart Squadron) and they decided that Melanie should get to sit behind the wheel of the Silver Dart and have her photo taken". You can imagine the feeling of pride that she had, as evident by the smile upon her face.

We are very proud to share this photo with the community as we were very pleased to have been able to attend. The weather was beautiful and the turnout for this historical event was overwhelming.

*Rob, Ida, Emilie, Alex & Melanie Poaps*

## Fossils at Richard's Pond



Have you ever walked the shore and noticed all the debris in the rocks? Basil Burke from the Southside was following the shoreline at Richard's Pond when he spotted what appeared to be a plant impression on a piece of rock. He thought of looking for other pieces and he pretty much found the entire rock as it looked before it had somehow become broken. This picture was put on Nature NS by his brother Bernard and it caused quite a stir. One of its experts wrote "It's certainly a fossil fern. The structure of the frond, leaflets, and lobes bears some resemblance to contemporary ferns such as fragile fern (*Cystopteris fragilis*) or Venus maidenhair fern (*Adiantum capillus-veneris*) but it is clearly not exactly the same as either of these. Paleozoic forests had groups of ferns such as seed and tree ferns which no longer exist today... An excellent find". Way to

go Basil! More pictures of the fossil and other nature pictures from River Bourgeois can be seen at [http://bernieb.smugmug.com/gallery/916397\\_ynXPk/5/50427447\\_rQYVD/Medium](http://bernieb.smugmug.com/gallery/916397_ynXPk/5/50427447_rQYVD/Medium)

## St. John the Baptist Parish Council Activities from Jan. 2006 - Jan. 2009

On Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>, 2006 a new slate of officers was appointed. Members were Germaine Carter, Maria DeWolfe, Lynn Grenier, Elaine Burke, Mimi Fougere Murdock MacNeil, Joe J. Sampson, Anselm Sampson, Carmen Fougere-Secretary, Cletus Touesnard-Vice-chair & Ann Clow as Chair along with Fr. Reg Currie (who was replaced by Fr. Everett MacDow in July 2006).

RBCCS was sent an acknowledgment and note of appreciation for their contribution to church maintenance amounting to \$5,012 from a special bingo game held during the year 2005.

On Shrove Tuesday each year a pancake/sausage supper is held. In 2006 we made a profit of \$607, 2007 - \$822 and 2008 - \$660.60 with most of the funds going to Development and Peace.

Church repairs were left in the capable hands of the building committee with the approval of Parish Council. Grants, contracts & tenders were discussed. In 2006 the committee was successful in obtaining a \$5,000 grant from Richmond Municipal Council to assist with renovations.

At that time the church washroom was an issue. Roots from a large tree had broken through the pipe. To avoid further damage the tree had to be removed. The drainage issue was also taken care of and the washroom is now working well.

Also in 2006 the RBCCS Cenotaph Committee presented to the Parish Council a proposal for a transfer of the title of land occupied by the RB Cenotaph. With the approval of parishioners/Parish Council and after much correspondence with Bishop Lahey/Chancery Office & Law Office the request for lands was granted. This was completed as the Cenotaph required maintenance and funding which was only available with legal title to the land where the monument now stands.

In 2007 the need for Policy & Guidelines for our Cemetery was brought to Parish Council as burial lots were being reserved; occupying space which may not be needed should cremation take place, etc. A policy & guideline pamphlet was set up and a mail out sent to households in the community. Thanks to our many volunteers and Bernard Burke for free gravel, our cemetery is kept in a tasteful manner.

Volunteers chosen by parish council were honored at the annual Municipality of Richmond County Volunteer Dinner: for 2006 Conrad (Marie) Fougere;

for 2007 Henrietta (Arthur) Doary and for 2008 Germaine (Simon) Carter.

Our annual bursary was given to students who met the criteria: in 2006-Alisha (Maureen & Neil) Burke & Sally (Linda & Basil) Burke; and in 2008 Kelsey (Larry & Theresa) Burke.

In August 2008 the parish council approved leasing of the glebe house and was successful in selling the contents of the glebe by means of a silent auction with items sold to the highest bidder. We raised \$3,174.50 allowing us the flexibility in getting the needed wiring, plumbing, etc. required to lease the building. Many thanks to Louis Digout for preparing the lease with much communication between lessee, diocese and lawyer. We are grateful that the glebe has been leased at this time.

Church maintenance began with renovation to the siding and beautiful carpet in the sanctuary. The new windows will be erected early spring. Under the capable direction of Arthur Doary, many volunteer hours have saved the parish monies for use in other projects. Your work does not go unnoticed and is very much appreciated. We wish to express our thanks to the Liturgy Committee & Choir who devote so much time and preparation to the church liturgies. We also wish to thank the incoming volunteers who were nominated and accepted office on parish council. God Bless You! *Ann Clow/Outgoing Chair*

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## Deaths

**MacDonald:** Donald John, 70, of St. Peters passed away on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Our condolences to his family, especially his sister Edna Casey and her family.

**Cameron:** Robert, 88, of County Harbour passed away on February 13<sup>th</sup>. Our condolences to his daughter Lorraine Gates and her family.

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## Births

**Anderson:** Kia Sandoval, 6lbs 11oz, was born on January 29<sup>th</sup> to Lisa & Santana of Canso. Congratulations to the parents, grandparents Gerald & Janet LeBlanc, Marta & Bob Anderson and great grand mom Charlotte LeBlanc.

**Burke:** Reid Albert, 6lbs 13oz, was born February 9<sup>th</sup> to Mindy & Mitchell. A brother for Colton. Congratulations to the parents, grandparents Mark & Marie Burke, Aubrey & Wendy Landry, great grandparents Cletus & Peggy Landry, step great grandfather Simon Carter and great great grandmother Martina Landry.

**Snowdon:** Benjamin Troy, 7lbs 6 oz, was born February 4<sup>th</sup> to Troy & Jennifer of St. Peters. A brother for Lilly. Congratulations to the parents and grandparents Debbie & Fraser Martell and Neil & Eleanor Snowdon.

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## Wedding

**Stone/LeRoux:** Congratulations to Heidi Katherine, daughter of Ricky & Sharon Stone, and Garrette Alexander, son of Michelle MacDonald & Francis LeRoux, who were wed on February 14<sup>th</sup> at St. John the Baptist Church. Heidi & Garette reside in RB.

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## Bits& Bites:

- ... **Exercise Program**-Seniors Bldg. Mon., Wed. & Friday from 11-12. Certified trainer available.
- ... **45 Card Seniors** Bldg. Sun. 7pm (winter hours).
- ... **Cribbage** Seniors Bldg Mondays at 7pm.
- ... **Bingo every Friday night - 7:45 at TLC** with early bird games. Fourteen \$100. Games with specials & rising jackpot (\$1000) to go.
- ... **Seniors Annual Meeting** Mar. 10<sup>th</sup> 12pm following potluck lunch.
- ... **Seniors mini bingo** Mar. 11<sup>th</sup> 1:30pm.
- ... **CAP site Annual Meeting** March 11<sup>th</sup> @7 pm.
- ... **CWL Meeting** March 12<sup>th</sup> @7pm in the Vestry.
- ... **St. Patty's Day Merchandise Bingo** Mar 15<sup>th</sup> at TLC @2pm. Sponsored by RB Seniors Club
- ... **RBCSS Annual Meeting** Wed. Mar 25<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. A board of directors will be elected and the memorandum of agreement and bylaws will also be updated. Only approved members will have a vote so please fill out the membership form sent via the mail and come to this important meeting.
- ... **CAP site public hours are from 2-4 and 6-8 pm Monday to Thursday and 2-4pm on Fridays.** We will be closed for the week of March Break. We have wireless & high speed internet services plus a photocopier, scanner and fax. We also have a good selection of used books. Saturdays you can call Sharon 535-3516 or Ann @ 535-2944 for appointment. CAP phone # is 535-3251. FAX # is 535-3638. Email address is [rbcap@stpeterscable.com](mailto:rbcap@stpeterscable.com). Visit our website at <http://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.
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