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Susan Boudreau



Susan Mary was born April 16th, 1950 in Sydney. At age six months she was adopted by Anastasia (Anti) & Peter Boudreau of the Church Point. Susan was joined in the family by her mom's six children from her marriage to Amable Landry. The children were: Eileen, Louis, Joe, Bernard, Harold & Gladys. When Susan was three years old she welcomed a new brother, three year old Stevie MacDougall. She has fond memories of the day of his arrival as Stevie played on the floor with a toy top while her mom spoke to the social worker. A year later Susan got a baby sister as six month old Lorraine Nearing joined the extended family.

Susan left school following grade ten in 1967 for Halifax to take a Certified Nursing Assistant (LPN) course at the Camp Hill Hospital. In January of 1969 she graduated and went to work at the VG Hospital where she remained for thirty-three years retiring in 2002. While in Halifax, Susan volunteered with adult literacy, parent finders and taught confirmation classes at St. Paul's Church in Dartmouth. In 1985 Susan located her biological brother Claude and continues to visit him often in Fredericton. She returned to RB to her mother's childhood home that

she had inherited from her uncle, Whitney Cordeau. In 2003 Susan began working as a casual at the Strait Richmond Hospital and retired for the last time in 2009. Those nursing skills have never left her as she continues to help the ill in the community.

Susan has travelled to many parts of the world over the years and here are just a few of the highlights. She rode a camel in Egypt, lost \$20 in Las Vegas, rode in a gondola in Venice, walked the rim of the Grand Canyon, got her butt pinched in Italy, and had a hair raising experience in Turkey when the cruise ship hit in a horrifying wind storm. She feared for her life but her worst fear was the thought that she could die in a foreign country. Her rosary from Rome was well worn. Her most memorable trip was a two week car excursion she took from Vancouver Island to Northern BC with her childhood friend Delores Roberts and her sister, Beverly where they met up with her brother Stevie whom she had not seen for over twenty years. She will never forget how wonderful it was to see him, meet his family and reminisce about the "old days".

Susan has a very strong bond with the children and grandchildren of Lorraine and Gladys to whom she is very close. She takes Gladys' grandchildren for a couple of weeks every summer and they love RB. Susan is called Aunt Raison (No explanation for that one) by Taylor & Hannah. Julia visits Susan regularly and Susan is marveled by the five year old's wisdom. Upon her arrival back home Susan began playing cribbage at the Seniors Building. For the first couple of months she and her cribbage partner Garvey Burke never managed to win more than one out of ten games each night. She now has a more experienced & luckier partner. Susan is also very community minded. She is a member of the Seniors Club, RBCSS Board of Directors, volunteers at the funeral receptions and also has volunteered at the CAP site. Susan can be found at Timmie's most days with Lorraine and her other friends. Susan, we are glad that you have returned to RB and wish you many more years of good health & happiness.

Delta Celebrates 100th Birthday



On May 9th Delta celebrated her hundredth birthday with her family and very many friends at the Richmond Villa. In 2003 I had the privilege of interviewing Delta for this paper and I marveled at her recollection & wisdom and fully expected to be eating a piece of her 100th birthday cake. In honor of her 100th birthday we are repeating the article published in the February 2003 issue: "Delta Mae was born on May 9th, 1911 the second child of Willie and Mary Robertson of the Church Point. Willie owned and operated the ferryboat from D'Escousse to River Bourgeois (at a cost of \$1.00 per crossing) and Delta would often accompany her dad on these excursions. Willie also operated a patrol boat known as the "Whirl" that guarded our shorelines from spirit (rum) runners. Delta walked to the one room school (just a tad over a mile) and often in the winter her hands would be very cold so she would stop at the home of John Doucet whose wife always had a pan of warm water for the children to warm their hands before continuing on their journey. In the ninth grade during exams Delta asked the teacher if she could go home because she was finished, however she went to visit her uncle instead. On her way home as she passed the school, the teacher noticed her, and ordered her back in the classroom where she was given a strapping for not having gone straight home. Delta's education was over, as she never returned.

Delta went to work for John J. and Josephine Sampson taking care of the children and the ailing Josephine. Their daughter "Sister Josephine" has told Delta that she remembers how wonderful Delta was with her mother and even when she passed away she had dressed and done her mother's hair so she would look beautiful in her coffin. Delta moved on to Halifax and went to work for the brand new Nova Scotian Hotel, first as a chambermaid followed by parlor maid. When her mother became ill Delta returned to RB to nurse her back to health. During this time she met Tom Babin from Arichat and on January 30th, 1935 they wed. Following the reception Delta and Tom left by horse and sled on the ice, across Lennox Passage and on to Arichat to start their life together. In Arichat they owned and operated the

American House Hotel for many years. In 1942 Delta and Tom chose to adopt two young orphans from the war torn country of England. On their way from England the boat was torpedoed and all perished. On January 5th, 1943 daughter Joan was born, followed by son, Billy and daughter Anne Louise. Sadly on Dec. 18th, 1953 Tom passed away suddenly. With the children being only ten, eight and one year of age Delta returned to RB and purchased the home of Flora Lavalee near her parents on the Church Point.

In 1987 Delta was the first resident along with Gertie Boudreau to move into the new RB Seniors' home. She loved her new home and had plenty of company to play cards with. In 1998 Delta fell and broke her arm in several places. Following surgery she went to live with daughter Anne Louise and her family before entering the Villa in July. She still plays a wicked game of cribbage and was quite proud of the fact that she had "skunked" Vincent Sampson the day before I went visiting. Besides cards Delta knits most of the day and can knit a pair of mittens in a morning. Anne Louise visits almost daily for a card game. Joan lives in Dartmouth and Billy in Spryfield. Delta has five grandchildren and four great grandchildren." Delta is in very good health and has an incredible recollection of her youth.

CAP Site Annual Meeting

At our annual meeting on April 27th the following were appointed to our board: **Chairperson**-Dorothy Barnard, beginning in September, 2011; **Vice Chair**-Therese Pottie; **Secretary**-Marguerite MacDonald; **Treasurer**-Ann MacNeil & **Richmond CAP Rep**-Holly Stone. All other board members listed below remain including Wanda who has stepped down as secretary. I will continue as chair until Dorothy takes over and will remain on the Board. Thanks to George A Landry for chairing the nominating committee. We cover nine 2 hour shifts a week with two people working 6-8pm so if you would like to volunteer, just speak to any of our of our volunteers or email rbcap@stpeterscable.com.

2010 Chairperson's report: The RBTTC committee meets regularly to ensure continued operation and success of the CAP site. The members at the close of 2010 were: Sharon Digout-**Chair**; Therese Pottie-**Vice-Chair**; Ann MacNeil-**Treasurer**; Wanda Burke-**Secretary**; Holly Stone-**Richmond CAP Rep**; George A. Landry, Art Digout, Karin Digout, Dorothy Barnard & Marguerite MacDonald. Our site was open on a regular basis thanks to the following dedicated volunteers: Stan Digout, Ann MacNeil, Therese Pottie, Megan Merrick, Leanne Boudreau, Wanda Burke, Julia Burke, Jillian Burke, Paula LaFantasie, Cletus Wedge, Sharon Digout, David Fraser, Art & Karin Digout. We also have as spares: Ann Clow, Raymond Doary and Kathy &

Bob Groves. Thanks to RBCSS, Sherry & Francine for their help throughout the year.

We were able to hire Kelsey Sampson for 12 weeks last summer through funding from the federal government and Christine Pottie who also worked in the site for 14 weeks and was funded under an RBCSS student grant. Sharon Chilvers is now editor of the River Round Up which was featured in an article in *Saltscapes* last August. The CAP site is responsible for the distribution of the newsletter and for the cost of printing. Circulation is between 225 & 250 copies. We thank Lynn Boudreau for posting them on line. The *River Round Up*, user fees, printing, photocopier & fax usage as well as book sales along with our sustainability amount (\$2500) are sources of our funding. We had to purchase a combined fax/photocopier/printer during the year and other than that our main expenses were toners and inks. We plan to be open as long as we can stay afloat financially and funds for a summer student are available. Personally I wish to thank all volunteers for their support. *Sharon Digout.*

Congratulations-University Graduates



Ashley Stone (daughter of Ricky & Sharon Stone and granddaughter of Susan Stone and Bert Ranson) graduated from Saint Mary's University in 2009 with a Bachelor of Arts and St. Francis Xavier University in 2011 with a Bachelor of Education in French Elementary. She is currently employed in a substitute position at Tamarac Education Centre, Port Hawkesbury in a primary immersion class.

Janet LeBlanc (wife of Gerald LeBlanc, mother of Lisa & Daphne and grandma to Kai) graduated from the Cape Breton Regional School of Nursing with a diploma in nursing in 1993 and upon passing her RN licensure worked as an RN at Richmond Villa from 1993-2007. She graduated from STFX with a

Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree 2011 and is currently working at Addiction Services as a Registered Nurse/Rehab Counsellor.

Holly Owens (daughter of Richard & Bertha, granddaughter of Michael & Joan Owens and Theodore & Ellen Sampson and great granddaughter of Mary Bona) graduated from Cape Breton University with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology. Holly will be attending NSCC in Dartmouth to study Human Resources in September.

Earth Day



Erin & Brenna Cunningham along with Maggie Eden and Jace Bona did their part at the Tara Lynne Community Park. Mylan Touesnard is voicing his complaint about the burnt hotdog that Danny Landry cooked for him.

On April 30th River Bourgeois celebrated "Earth Day" and more than two hundred bags of garbage were collected along all roadsides. It had been several years since we last had an earth day and it was very apparent. A total of seventy-nine volunteers worked on cleaning debris, some of whom worked for several days. Pat Fougere collected thirty-five bags on Thibeauville Road and the back end of Richard's Pond. Donnie Pottie and Glyn Chilvers collected all of the bags from the roadside and deposited them in three locations where they were picked up by the Municipality. RBCSS sponsored a barbecue for the volunteers. Thanks to Delores Roberts and Danny Landry for manning that station.



Jamie Elms, Tanya Burke, Art & Karin Digout on the Lower Rd.

The following were the volunteers: George Digout, Art & Karin Digout, Tanya & Jillian Burke, Jamie Elms, Robert & Ida Poaps & children: Melanie, Alex & Emily, Sharon & Ricky Stone, Florence Touesnard, Marie Fougere, Ethel & grandson Michael Stone, Joan Owens, Charlene & Mylan Touesnard, Janice Touesnard, Jill Kirby & three year

old Liam (who insisted he worked very hard), Peter Boyd, Ian & Jill Lock & children Abigail & Joshua, Susan Boudreau, Allan Touesnard, Gerarda Pettipas, Austin & Blake Morrison, Tyler Laing, Bradley McDuff, Peter & Sylvia Pottie, Valerie Cunningham & children Erin & Brenna, Melanie Eden & daughter Maggie, Jace Bona, Laurie Zinck & daughter Mila, Anne Landry, Mimi Fougere, Bea Howell, Dwight & Barbara Sampson, Pat Fougere, Sherry & Peter Baccardax, Ann & Dave Clow, Gerry & Mary Fougere, Joan Stone, Sheri & John Grimes & children Emily & Josh, Donnie Pottie, George Landry, Cathy Eagles, John Scott, Rita Warner, Amanda Carter, Kevin Dakai, Norma & Murdoch MacNeil, Glenda & Roy MacRae & son Myles, Kim Henebry & Stash Boudreau. If we forgot anyone, please accept our apology. Thanks everyone for a job well done! Ida & Sharon

Wedding

Boudreau/Collier: Congratulations to Dwight son of Gail and the late Ron Boudreau and Tanielle daughter of Tanya and Daniel Collier on their wedding on April 20th in Cuba. Dwight and Tanielle will reside in River Tillard.

Deaths:

Forsythe-Parker: Bonnie Wanda-Mae, 54, passed away on April 29th. Our condolences to: her husband David, daughter Tobie, grandson Devon, sisters Anita Boucher & Irene Sampson and their families.

Richards: Anthony, 50, passed away on May 23rd. Our condolences to: his partner Hollie Kay, & sister Josephine Burke-Mitton of RB and their families.

Sampson: James, 58, passed away on May 8th. Our condolences to his partner Edna Kline, step-children: Darren, Danny, Jason & Willie and sisters: Bonnie Hines & Pauline Mathews and their families.

Thibeau: Mae, 96, passed away on May 23rd. Our condolences to her daughters: Rose & Shirley and their families.

Bits and Bites:

... On June 30th, (extended date) the St John the Baptist Choir is going to order new hymn books for the choir and the congregation. A donation can be made in memory of a deceased loved one with their name in the book. Celebrate in Song is \$10 (soft cover) and the CBW III is \$20 (hard cover). Tax receipts will be issued. Please make cheques payable to: "St John the Baptist Parish." For inquires please contact Marlaine 535-2769 or Mimi 535-2723 or send to Marlaine Burke, 318 Southside, River Bourgeois, B0E 2X0.

... Funeral Receptions: We wish to remind the people of RB that receptions following funeral

services are available to all families. Organized by CWL members; the food and the set up are provided by "all members" of the community. We would like to express our thanks to the Captains who do our phoning. If you are on our list and are unable for some reason to remain on it, please let us know. If you are not currently on the list and would be willing to donate food and/or serve, please call Leona Campbell at 2927, Sharon Digout @ 3516 or Elaine Burke @ 2941.

... **Brunch** on Sunday, June 12th (with lots of homemade goodies) from 10-1pm. Cost is \$8.

... **Happy** 70th birthday to Eddie Fougere and 88th birthday to Charlotte LeBlanc.

... **45 Card game** every Sun. 7 pm, Seniors Bldg.

... **Cribbage:** every Monday 7 pm, Seniors Bldg.

... **Exercise Program** Mon., Wed., & Fri., 11-12pm at the River Bourgeois Seniors.

... **Friday Night Bingo** at the TLC at 7:45pm.

... **Seniors Meeting:** Tues., June 14th at 1:30.

... **CAP Site Meeting.** Wed., June 8th at 7 pm.

... **Knights of Columbus** mtg. June 8th, 6:30 pm.

... **Annual Walk for Life** June 5 1:30-2:30 from Seniors Bldg to Cenotaph & back. Everyone is encouraged to participate.

... **CWL Annual meeting** June 4th, starting with Mass @ 4pm then meal & meeting at TLC.

... **Seniors Mini Bingo:** Wed., June 15th, 1:30 pm.

... **RBCSS meeting:** Wed., June 22nd, 7pm.

... **RB CAP Site hours:** Mon to Thurs. 1-3, 6-8 and Fri. 1-3. The RB CAP Site web address is http://ns4.seaside.ns.ca/~rbcap/roundup/roundup_archives.htm. We prepared CD's of the first 10 years of the River Round Up. They have a limited index and can be purchased for \$10 at the site or we will mail them for the extra cost of postage. Used books also for sale on site. Our email address is rbcap@stpeterscable.com. Phone # is 535-3251 & fax 535-3638.

... 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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